



A Community Foundation



# Growing Up Asian in America

## SCIENCE AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU

### 2012 Student Essay and Art Contest: **Our Oceans**

Presented by Asian Pacific Fund and the California Academy of Sciences

#### PRIZES

First Place: \$1500 // Second Place: \$750

Third Place: \$500 // Honorable Mention: \$250

Free family passes to the California Academy of Sciences to the first 100 registrants

#### Entry Deadline: **October 1, 2012**

(no cost to enter or win)

Many people talk about earth as the “blue planet” because oceans cover 70% of Earth’s surface. These oceans hold nearly our entire water supply, too: 97%.

The deepest part of the ocean is deeper (about 36,000 ft. or 11,000 m.) than the tallest mountain (about 29,000 ft. or 8800 m.)

About 6.4 million tons of trash reach the oceans each year. Most of this is plastic, which sea birds and turtles eat, thinking it is food. Many of these animals die since they cannot digest the plastic.

The Philippines is home to some of the most diverse coral reefs in the world, but many of the fish and coral that live there are being harmed by people who put cyanide in the water to stun the fish and collect them to be sold in the U.S. for home aquariums.

**Growing up Asian in America** is an annual essay and art contest. The contest always has a theme and prizes are awarded each year. This year there is an added program with prizes for a science contest about oceans.

#### GET INSPIRED!

- » [Visit the California Academy of Sciences](#)
- » [Come face to face](#) with the creatures in the Philippine Coral Reef and California Coast exhibits.
- » [Delve deeper into ocean ecosystems](#) with the library resources and specimens in the Naturalist Center.
- » [The first 100 contest registrants will receive a free family pass](#) to come to the museum.
- » [You can also visit for free](#) with the Check Out San Francisco Pass available at San Francisco Public Libraries or the Discover and Go Pass available at Oakland Public Libraries.
- » [Visit public library branches](#) and participate in the Dive into Coral Reefs program.

#### IDEAS FOR YOUR CONTEST ENTRY

Use the following questions to help guide your writing or the creation of your artwork. You don’t have to answer any of these questions as long as your entry is about oceans and being Asian and/or American.

- » [What are some of the dangers our oceans face?](#) What can you and others do to help protect our oceans?
- » [There are five oceans in the world.](#) Is there an ocean that is special to you or your family or to the Asian country of your family or ancestors?
- » [Many people love the ocean.](#) What have you done that is fun, interesting or exciting that includes an ocean?
- » [If you could be any living thing in the ocean](#)—a fish, a mammal, a plant—what would you want to be and why? What would your life be like?
- » [If an alien came to visit earth](#) and asked you about the oceans, how would you describe them and what would you want the alien to know about our oceans?
- » [What plants and animals might you find](#) on the beach or coast of California, China, Taiwan, Japan, India, the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam or another Asian country?

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

- All students entering Grades 6 through 8 in the 2012-13 school year are welcome to enter.
- Cannot be a child of a contest judge or screener. (See official contest rules for further details.) Winning entries are selected based on creativity and originality, ideas and feelings, and skill in the category (writing or art).

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY**

Complete the form below and mail or deliver entry to:

**Our Oceans**  
**California Academy of Sciences**  
**55 Music Concourse Drive**  
**San Francisco, CA 94118**

**Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1, 2012, or delivered in person by 5:00 PM that day.**

Sorry, no entries will be accepted online or by fax. Submitting a Contest entry entails a grant of a license to the Asian Pacific Fund and the California Academy of Sciences to use the materials in any manner, and in any medium, to further and promote their educational missions, including the creation of derivative works without payment of a royalty. The Asian Pacific Fund and the California Academy of Sciences are California tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

**ENTRY GUIDELINES**

**Art**

Maximum Size: 8.5" x 11"  
 Materials and Media: Anything two-dimensional. All paints, crayons, colored pencils, markers, photos, computer generated graphics, etc., are accepted.  
 No sculptures or pop-ups, please.

**Essay or Poem**

Format: 8-1/2" x 11" paper, minimum font size 12. Handwritten essays or poems accepted.

**General**

You may send one entry in each category (e.g. one piece of writing and one piece of art). If you send two pieces of writing or two pieces of art, only one will be considered. Art is judged separately from essays and poems, so please do not submit an entry that combines writing with art.

Each entry must have a complete entry form. If you send one artwork and one essay, please complete one form for each.

**Prizes**

One prize will be awarded in each category (writing and art) at the following levels:

- First Place:* \$1500
- Second Place:* \$750
- Third Place:* \$500
- Honorable Mention:* \$250

Winning entries will be honored in an exhibition in public libraries co-created by the winners and Academy staff.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the California Academy of Sciences at 415.379.5494 or email [naturalist@calacademy.org](mailto:naturalist@calacademy.org). More information and additional entry forms available at: [www.calacademy.org/science/naturalist\\_center/?t=4](http://www.calacademy.org/science/naturalist_center/?t=4)

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**Registration Form & Family Pass**

To receive your Family Pass, complete this form and mail it to:  
Our Oceans, California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concourse Drive, San Francisco, CA 94118  
(Limited to 100 Family Passes total)

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Name	Grade
Address	City
	State
	Zip

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E-mail address

I plan on entering the contest.

**Official Contest Rules and Entry Form:** [www.calacademy.org/science/naturalist\\_center/?t=4](http://www.calacademy.org/science/naturalist_center/?t=4)