

*The Steamship Authority*

# SAIL INTO IMAGINATION

## STUDENT ART CONTEST 2026

### 2026 CONTEST THEME: THE SEA AND ME

ALL OF US HAVE A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE SEA. FOR MANY OF US IT'S HOW WE GET HOME, OR MAYBE IT'S HOW WE GET TO SEE FRIENDS AND FAMILY. IT GIVES OUR REGION ITS SPECIAL MAGIC. IT'S THE LAST THING WE SEE WHEN WE LEAVE AND THE FIRST THING WE LOOK FOR WHEN WE COME BACK.

THIS YEAR, USE THE THEME THE SEA AND ME TO SHARE YOUR CONNECTIONS TO THE SEA AND THE STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY. ARTWORK SHOULD FEATURE AN SSA FERRY IN SOME WAY, BUT OTHERWISE CAN BE OPEN TO YOUR INTERPRETATION OF OUR THEME.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH  
AND WHO GETS CHOSEN TO BE FEATURED IN OUR 2027 CALENDAR.!

### ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ENTERED INTO A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!

Winning entries will be featured in a 2027 Steamship Authority calendar and will be displayed on the SSA website and selected ferries. Gift cards for Steamship Authority passenger travel will also be awarded to at least 13 student winners from any town on Cape Cod, plus residents of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Fairhaven, or New Bedford. Original entries must not be folded, and framed art must be removable in order to be reproduced. Due to issues with reproduction, pastels will not be accepted.

### ALL ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM BY MAY 29, 2026, VIA ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS

- Mailing physical artwork and entry form to:

Steamship Authority Art Contest  
c/o Communications & Marketing Department, 228 Palmer Ave., Falmouth, MA 02540

- Emailing a clear digital photo, scan, or digital file no larger than 3 MB and entry form to:  
[sailintoimagination@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:sailintoimagination@steamshipauthority.com)

- Dropping completed artwork and entry form off at the:

Woods Hole, Vineyard Haven, Hyannis, or Nantucket terminals

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## ENTRY FORM/RELEASE

A completed entry form is required to participate in this art contest. Incomplete or illegible forms may result in an entry not being accepted.

Title of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from home address)

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

If homeschooled, check here

I would like my child's artwork returned. I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up the artwork at the Steamship Authority terminal/facility I have chosen below by December 31, 2026, once I have been notified that judging is complete. Leaving this blank will result in the artwork not being returned.  YES  NO

Terminal / Facility:  Hyannis  Nantucket  Woods Hole  Vineyard Haven

**Consent of the Student's Parent or Guardian:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/guardian name)

(Student name)

permission to enter his/her original artwork in the Steamship Authority "Sail into Imagination" Art Contest. I understand that the artwork will become the Steamship Authority's property and may be reproduced by the Steamship Authority for promotional purposes. I understand that my child's name may be used to promote the submitted artwork as part of the Steamship Authority's art contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES (choose one of the following)

1. **Original artwork and entry form mailed to:** Steamship Authority Art Contest, c/o Communications & Marketing Department, 228 Palmer Ave., Falmouth, MA 02540

2. **Photo, scan, or digital file of the artwork and entry form emailed to:** sailintoimagination@steamshipauthority.com.

NOTE: Please hold onto original artwork until winners are announced. Winners will need to mail in original artwork for display.

3. **Original artwork and this entry form delivered to a Steamship Authority terminal.**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 29, 2026.**

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### OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

The Steamship Authority invites students enrolled in grades K–12 to participate in its “Sail into Imagination” student art contest. Students from any town on Cape Cod, plus residents of Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, Fairhaven or New Bedford, are eligible to have their artwork showcased in a 2027 calendar. Thirteen prize winners from these communities will be selected and the winning artwork will be showcased in the 2027 calendar as well as displayed on the Steamship Authority website and exhibited on board Steamship Authority ferries.

All students who submit original artwork during the contest time frame will be entered into one grand-prize drawing of a \$150 VISA Gift Card. All artwork/contestant entries have the same chance of winning this grand prize. The timeline for entering and prize announcement are consistent with the contest rules as stated below.

In addition to having their art displayed and featured in the Steamship Authority’s 2027 calendar, winners will receive a \$100 gift card valid for travel to any port served by the Steamship Authority.

The contest begins on March 9, 2026, and there is no cost to enter. All entries must be received by mail, delivered to a Steamship Authority terminal, or sent by email to the Steamship Authority on or before May 29, 2026. Winners are expected to be announced in July 2026.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Each applicant must be a student in grades K–12 enrolled in a Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, Fairhaven, or New Bedford school. Homeschooled or school-choice students living in these same communities are also eligible to participate.
- Employees of the Steamship Authority or Pierce-Coté Advertising/Regan Communications Group and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

### CONTEST RULES

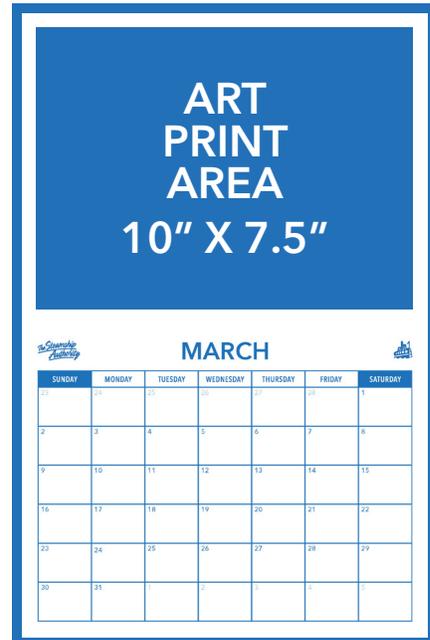
- Each student may submit one design.
- Submissions must be original artwork created by a student in grades K–12 from any town on Cape Cod, plus residents of Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, Fairhaven, or New Bedford. Homeschooled or school-choice students living in these same communities are also eligible to participate.
- The student’s name, address, grade, and school must be included with the original artwork submitted. No student names can appear on the front of the artwork or within the design but may be included on the back of the original artwork.
- Artwork must be received by the Steamship Authority on or before May 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Each student’s parent or guardian must complete and sign the Contest Entry Form/Release and submit a copy of the form with the artwork entry. Artwork submitted without this required paperwork will not be accepted.
- Original artwork will be required if chosen as a winner of the contest and will be displayed on vessels and at selected terminals. Original artwork will become the property of the Steamship Authority.
- Winners agree to allow the Steamship Authority to use their names, associated school, and artwork to promote the “Sail into Imagination” art contest and calendar.

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### DESIGN CRITERIA

- All entries from eligible students must illustrate the "Sail into Imagination" 2026 contest theme, The Sea and Me. Artwork must include a Steamship Authority ferry and should include elements that showcase seaside life or unique attributes or landmarks from a specific constituent community.
- All artwork must be original and cannot include any trademarks, corporate branding, logos, copyright infringements, or the use of prompt-based image generators, commonly referred to as "A.I. art."
- The student's name, address, telephone number, grade, and school must be included with the artwork submission
- No student names can appear on the front of the artwork but may be included on the back of the original artwork.



### ACCEPTABLE FORMATS/SIZE

- Emailed images of original drawings, paintings, and sketches will be accepted via email in JPEG and PDF formats. Oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen, pencil, ink, and digital artwork will be accepted. Photographs, photocopies, and traced images will be disqualified. (No photography or 3D designs will be accepted.) Due to issues with reproduction, pastels will not be accepted.
- All artwork must be landscape and at 10" x 7.5", or be scalable to that size. Artwork that does not fit these criteria may be scaled or cropped. The standard art paper size of 12" x 9" scales perfectly. If you use tabloid-sized paper, draw a 14 5/8" x 11" box on that sheet, create your artwork inside that box, and it will scale properly.

### SELECTION OF WINNING ENTRIES

- Winning entries will be selected based on originality, creativity, interpretation of contest theme, and visual appeal.
- Entries will be reviewed by community representatives chosen by the Steamship Authority.

### PRIZES

- A total of 13 winners from eligible communities will be chosen from the overall pool of entries. Honorable mentions may be chosen at the Steamship Authority's discretion.
- Winning artwork from eligible students will be showcased in the Steamship Authority's 2027 calendar, as well as displayed on the Steamship Authority website and exhibited on board Steamship Authority ferries in a poster that shows all of the winning artwork.
- Each student winner will receive a \$100 gift card valid for travel to any port served by the Steamship Authority. These gift cards will not be transferable and will have no cash value.
- One winning contestant / artwork entrant will receive a grand prize drawing of a \$150 VISA Gift Card. This prize will also not be transferable. Winning contestant / artwork is chosen at random.

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### SUBMISSIONS

The parent or guardian of a student may submit the student's artwork along with a completed contest entry form beginning on March 9, 2026. The contest rules and entry packet can be downloaded at [SteamshipAuthority.com/sailintoimagination](https://SteamshipAuthority.com/sailintoimagination).

### DIRECTIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES (CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

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2. Photo of original artwork (no larger than 3 MB) and entry form emailed to [sailintoimagination@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:sailintoimagination@steamshipauthority.com). NOTE: Please hold onto original artwork until winners are announced. Winners will need to mail in original artwork for display.
3. Original artwork and this entry form delivered to a Steamship Authority terminal. All entries must include the contest entry form/release and must be received by the Steamship Authority on or before May 29, 2026.

**Entries received after the contest deadline of May 29, 2026, will be disqualified. Winners will be announced on the Steamship Authority's website, [www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com). Contest rules are subject to change without direct notification.**

**GOOD LUCK! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR CREATIVITY  
SAIL INTO IMAGINATION!**

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