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#### ***Youth Voices Award***

The Youth Voices Awards is a global competition that encourages and empowers youth around the world to express their desire for positive change through visual storytelling. Applicants are invited to investigate issues that are significant to them and to propose possible solutions that might resolve these issues. Submissions can be made into the following entries: animation, documentary, music video, narrative, poetry/experimental, photo essay or poster campaign. The top 3 submissions from each category are awarded a Youth Voices Award, with prizes for the artists and their school. 1st place prizes include a US\$2,000 donation to a charity of choice, an Active Cloud membership and 3 latest generation tablets. Winning works also receive international exposure through multiple online and traditional media coverage.

#### ***Apocalypse Art Prize***

The Apocalypse Art Prize is a free painting competition. It aims to encourage young artists to use the Medieval style of manuscript illumination (with resources on their website to help applicants). Applicants must select three subjects from the list of set subject-matter, creating a triptych (set of three paintings that form one work) painted using traditional mediums: gouache, watercolor, egg tempera, distemper, acrylic, oil based painting mediums, or a mixture of these. There are three age groups: 16 years + (competing for prizes of \$7,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000); 12-16 years (competing for a \$2,000 prize); and younger than 12 years (\$1,000 prize).

#### ***Ocean Awareness Student Contest***

After her experiences at sea, Linda Cabot wanted to inspire and encourage young people to think carefully about the ocean. In 2011, she began the annual Ocean Awareness Student Contest in partnership with the Gulf of Maine Marine Education Association. The competition invites high school students to investigate a current environmental topic that affects the world's oceans, such as plastic pollution in oceans. Students can choose to express their findings in art, essay, advocacy or poetry form.

#### ***Saatchi Gallery Art Prize for Schools***

The annual Saatchi Gallery Art Prize for Schools has no restrictions on what works can be entered. All works, from sculptures to installations to paintings are eligible for submission. Students aged 18 and under from anywhere in the world are invited to take part in this prestigious competition. The winner is awarded £2,000 for themselves and £10,000 for their school's art department. Two runner-ups also receive £1,000 and £5,000 for their school. 20 shortlisted entries feature in an exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London. There is no entry fee and entries are submitted online.

#### ***United Nations competitions***

The United Nations wants to get ordinary citizens to showcase their creativity by getting involved in fun and exciting challenges. Competitions about various themes are frequently organized throughout the year, from crystal growing to short films on healthy nutrition to political cartoon drawing contests. Each challenge raises awareness about a particular topic and brings creativity to real-world situations. Most challenges require no entry fee, and with monetary prizes of up to \$10,000 awarded, this is definitely something to check out!