



The popularity of the Oklahoma City Zoo's annual Dr Pepper Vending Machine Art Contest continues to draw attention, encouraging Oklahoma's talented students, K-12, to be creative for wildlife and habitat conservation. Contest participants are eligible to win wild prizes and the chance to have their original art designed on a Dr Pepper vending machine at the Zoo. This year's contest theme, *A Future for Pollinators*, hopes to inspire students to illustrate their ideas for protecting our planet's pollinators and their habitats.

### **ABOUT THE THEME: "A Future for Pollinators"**

From bats to birds and bees to butterflies, we need pollinators and they need us! With this year's Dr Pepper Vending Machine Art Contest the OKC Zoo invites students to "bee" inspired to care about the future of pollinators through art, conservation and education.

The majority of our world's flowering plants and crops rely on the work of pollinators to thrive and without them our ecosystems and economies would be in trouble. Unfortunately, many pollinators, especially the beloved monarch butterfly, are experiencing dramatic population declines in the United States due to habitat loss, pesticides and intensifying climate events. But, there is hope for these winged wonders!

As a conservation organization, the OKC Zoo is dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and wild places through global and local conservation partnerships, education, awareness and research. Through its partnership with the [Oklahoma Monarch and Pollinator Collaborative](#), the Zoo is helping implement the statewide conservation plan educating Oklahomans about the importance of protecting and creating habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Every fall, the Zoo hosts the Monarch Festival and Monarch Madness 5K befitting conservation efforts for monarchs. The Zoo also funds a grant program for Oklahoma City metro schools to plant pollinator gardens.

Students, how would you help pollinators? Illustrate your ideas for protecting pollinators and their natural habitats in your design. Consider including a variety of pollinators including hummingbirds, bats, bees, beetles, butterflies, and flies plus, native nectar flowers such as butterfly weed, bee balm and Indian blanket. Need to spark your creative senses? Get outside! Visit the OKC Zoo to explore the Zoo's butterfly garden, the largest in Oklahoma, take a walk through a local park or even plant your own pollinator garden. Together, we can create *A Future for Pollinators!*

To learn more about the contest including guidelines and entry forms, visit [okczoo.org/drpeppercontest](http://okczoo.org/drpeppercontest). All submissions must be postmarked by March 25, 2019. Participation is free. For questions, contact Candice Rennels at (405) 425-0298 or [crennels@okczoo.org](mailto:crennels@okczoo.org).

# CONTEST DETAILS



## Who's Eligible?

Oklahoma students, K-12 may enter through their school, home school, civic group (e.g. Scouts), or on their own.

## Categories:

Lower (K-5) and Upper (6-12)

## Art Specifications:

- Designs must be vertical and created on an official entry form.
- Xerox copies of the entry form are acceptable.
- All mediums accepted including computer-generated art.  
**Consider using bright colors!**
- Written messages are not required but if included they should be legible, relevant to the contest theme.

## Judging:

Entries will be judged based upon relevance to the contest theme, creativity and meeting all art specifications

## Award Categories/Prizes:

Contest winners will be notified by email or phone. Winners and their teachers/parents are encouraged to attend an award presentation during the OKC Zoo's Party for the Planet celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2019, at 2 p.m.

- **Grand Prize Winners:**
  - There will be one Grand Prize Winner per division: Lower (K-5) and Upper (6-12).
  - The lower division winner will receive a \$300 gift card to one of the OKC Outlets stores, a certificate and have their design displayed as the cover of a Dr Pepper vending machine at the Zoo for a year. The student's winning design will also be on display at OKC Outlets.
  - The upper division winner will receive a \$300 gift card to one of the OKC Outlets stores, a certificate and have their design displayed as the cover of a Dr Pepper vending machine at the Zoo for a year. The student's winning design will also be on display at OKC Outlets.
- **First Place - AZA Choice and Zoo Director's Top 10 Honor Roll:** Each winner will receive a certificate and have their winning design on display at the OKC Zoo and OKC Outlets.

## Regarding official entry forms:

- Entries must be postmarked by March 25, 2019.
- Official entry forms are available online at [okczoo.org/drpeppercontest](http://okczoo.org/drpeppercontest), by contacting Candice Rennels ([crennels@okczoo.org](mailto:crennels@okczoo.org))/(405) 425-0298) or in the Zoo's Guest Services office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- All entries submitted become property of the Oklahoma City Zoo.
- Mail entries to: The OKC Zoo, Attn: DP Art Contest, 2000 Remington Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

# OFFICIAL DR PEPPER ENTRY FORM



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ School's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

