

# News Release

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### 2024 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Winners Announcement

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA- The Iowa State Coordinator and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge proudly announce the winners of the 2024 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Program Art Contest, judged on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Students from around the state put significant time and effort into learning about their North American waterfowl and their habitats, then creating masterful artworks from this knowledge to enter the contest. With five judges to choose our winners in deep deliberation, our best of show and following winning placements were decided for each grade category after competing with 280 other students who participated in the 2024 contest.

The 2024 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Winners are as followed:

**Best of Show Overall:** Sevriena Postma,  
Sioux Center IA.

**Best of Show Conservation Message:**  
Judith Williams, Dyersville IA.

*“Every acre of clean earth is a gift to our future- every planet, bird, and fish a ripple that will reverberate for an age.”*

**Greyson’s Award:** Avery Nelson,  
Muscatine IA.

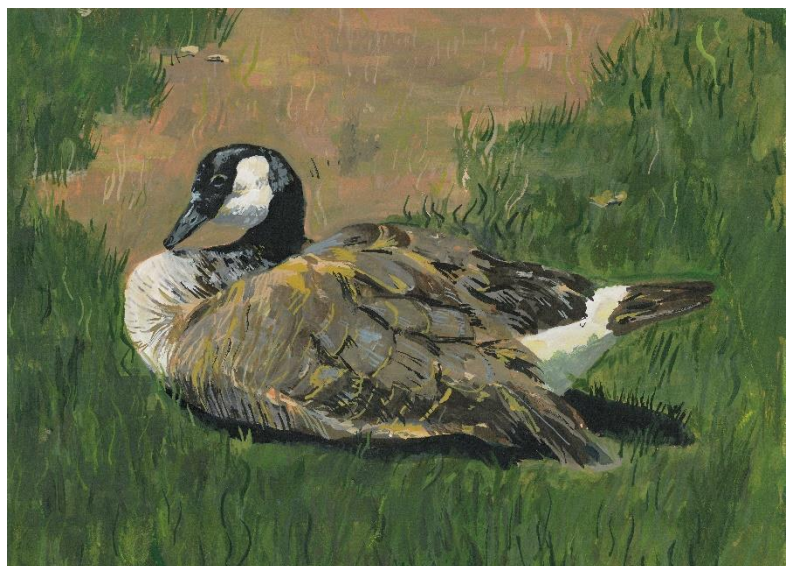


Figure 1. Sevriena Postma, 14, Titled "Canada Goose", 2024 BOS Winner.

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### Age Category Placements -

**10-12 First Place Winners:** Anabelle Miller, Libertyville IA; Hagan Arnold, Corydon IA; and Macey VerHoef, Sioux Center IA.

**10-12 Second Place Winners:** Hailey Gaul, Guttentburg IA; Mackenna Ware, Ottumwa IA; and Taryn Oxendale, Dension IA.

**10-12 Third Place Winners:** Alexis (Pluto) Evans, Grimes IA; Gavin McClure, Libertyville IA; and Judith Williams, Dyersville IA.

**10-12 Honorable Mention Winners:** Anabelle Spurgeon, Ottumwa IA; Braden Ballard, Eldon IA; Cash Cooper, Ottumwa IA; Dawson Trobaugh, Sioux City IA; Ema Barton, Eldon IA; Isaac Lett, Ottumwa IA; Jeremy McDaniel, Plano IA; Jessa Willey, Promise City IA; Kaitlyn Keller, Seymour IA; Katelyn McKim, Agency IA; Konnar Mason, Ottumwa IA; Kyran Spees, Selma IA; Lexi Hamilton, Batavia IA; Mason Grove, Eldon IA; Meike Njeru, Seymour IA; Olivia Power, Promise City IA; and Sebastian Miller, Eldon IA.

**7-9 First Place Winners:** Aubrey Dowling, Missouri Valley IA; and Taryn Young, Des Moines IA.

**7-9 Second Place Winners:** Alivia Replogle, Ottumwa IA; Lauren Hartley, Bloomfield IA; and Rheanne Bollweg, New Vienna IA.

**7-9 Third Place Winners:** Amary Bresch, Ottumwa IA; Ava Zantingh, Des Moines IA; and Beau Brauhn, Sioux Rapids IA.

**7-9 Honorable Mention Winners:** Ashlyn Palan, Dension IA; Axle Awful, Missouri Valley IA; Bridger LeVake, Cedar Rapids IA; Camila Gomez, Muscatine IA; Carter Bailey, Ottumwa IA; Claire Edwards, Ottumwa IA; Gianna Nietzel, Muscatine IA; Jada Cloke, Eldon IA; Johnny Madsen, Sioux Rapids IA; Kadence Pelers, Agency IA; Peyton Rump, Agency IA; Raegan Pherigo, Ottumwa IA; Tayli Oxendale, Denison IA; Tristen Burk, Ottumwa IA, and Wyatt Brianard, Agency IA.

**4-6 First Place Winners:** Alyvia Vikel, West Branch IA; Emmy Oxedale, Denison IA; and Sophia Mutchler, Earlham IA.

**4-6 Second Place Winners:** Austin Grant, Center Junction IA; Khathy Odell, Muscatine IA; and Olivia Engelbart, Anamosa IA.

**4-6 Third Place Winners:** Claire Sulzberger, Muscatine IA; Elaina Wolf, Muscatine IA; and Stella Richardson-Jones, Des Moines IA.

**4-6 Honorable Mention Winners:** Aaliyah Davis, Anamosa IA; Addelyn Rock, Logan IA; Brycen Vikel, West Branch IA; Camden Embree, Anamosa IA; Cattoung (Mia) Nguyen, Des Moines IA; Daisy Peate, Muscatine IA; Ivory Pals, Ames IA; Kayleigh Rose, Central City IA; Landon LeVake, Cedar Rapids IA; Lauren Pittman, Muscatine IA; Leo Johnson, Muscatine IA; Quinn Foxen,

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Muscatine IA; Raegan Eyeberg, Muscatine IA; Sylvia Thelen, Des Moines IA; Teagan Eyeberg, Muscatine IA; and Wyatt Zimmer, Missouri Valley IA.

**K-3 First Place Winners:** Grace Williams, Dyersville IA; Hudson Murillo, Norwalk IA; and Noelle Peters, Muscatine IA.

**K-3 Second Place Winners:** Brenna Wolf, Muscatine IA; David Bark, Muscatine IA; and Vy Odell, Muscatine IA.

**K-3 Third Place Winners:** Benjamin Meineke, Muscatine IA; Henry Busch, Muscatine IA; and Parker McKee, Muscatine IA.

**K-3 Honorable Mention Winners:** Abram Sulzberger, Muscatine IA; Brynn Rada, Muscatine, IA; Galilea Lopez, Muscatine IA; Harper Houseman, Muscatine IA; Josie Huerta, Muscatine IA; Judah Goodoll, Des Moines IA; Kassidy Eichelberger, Muscatine IA; Katie Butzen, Muscatine IA; Kaylee Stutzel, Muscatine IA; Leira McLeod, Muscatine IA; Leo Holec, Des Moines IA; Mirabelle Lautenslger, Des Moines IA; Paul Giebel, Muscatine IA; Raelynn Venugopal, Muscatine IA; Raren Oxendale, Denison IA; and Willow Kemp, Muscatine IA.

**Special Mention Winners:** Cora Bark, Muscatine IA; Elizabeth Frank, Marion IA; Gveta Hueberg, Plano IA; Jakob Muller, Plano IA; and Keith Lancaster, Plano IA.

Congratulations to all our winning students!

If you have questions about the Junior Duck Stamp, please contact the new Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator, who will be listed here: <https://www.fws.gov/media/junior-duck-stamp-program-coordinators-and-receiving-sites-contact-list>. Feel free to reach out to your local coordinator if you would like flyers, curriculum, or know about educational opportunities. The National Junior Duck Stamp is also sold at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center during open hours. All proceeds from the Junior Duck Stamp go back to the program helping fund the program and the resources it provides to students throughout the United States of America.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is located south of U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and Blair, Nebraska. Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, managed by staff at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, is located east of U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. Check our websites, [www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto) or [www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer-chute](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer-chute), for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges. For more information, please contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at [desoto@fws.gov](mailto:desoto@fws.gov).