2024 U.S. CHILDREN’S MAP COMPETITION

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ENTER THE 2024 U.S. CHILDREN'S MAP COMPETITION TO DRAW "THE WORLD THROUGH MY EYES!"

CHECK OUT THIS LINK TO GET ALL THE DETAILS!

http://cartogis.org/awards/children

AND START MAPPING!
Children’s Map Competitions

Every two years, six finalists from each International Cartographic Association (ICA) member country’s children’s map competitions are chosen for the international Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition which is hosted during the biennial International Cartographic Conference (ICC). The next ICC is being held in Vancouver, Canada in 2025.

The U.S. Children’s Map Competition is judged by members of the U.S. National Committee (USNC) for the ICA prior to the ICC. Six finalists are chosen from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category and sent to the ICC to be entered in the international Petchenik competition.
Barbara Bartz Petchenik believed in the power of maps to communicate a “larger, meaningful, reality.”

The aims of contest named in her honor are to promote children’s creative representation of the world, to enhance their cartographic awareness and to make them more conscious of their environment.
The Children’s Map Competition is a rare opportunity for kids to tell their story about the world through maps, *with meaning*.

Students are encouraged to develop a theme and focus their observations on “content and ideas.”

Alberto Duran Ortiz (age 12), All Together. Finalist from Spain, 2009.
Images From 2017

Theme: We Love Maps
Images From 2019

Theme: We Love Maps
Images From 2021

Theme: A Map of My Future World
THIS YEAR’S THEME:
“A Map of My Future World”

Anne Berg (Age 15). If We Don’t Change. Finalist from United States, 2019.
Age Categories

- Under 6 Years Old
- 6–8 Years Old
- 9–12 Years Old
- 13 through 15 Years Old

Children can work in a team with up to three others in the same age category to produce a single entry.
Illustrate the theme “A Map of My Future World” using pictures, drawings, words, objects, or other graphical elements.

Include a map of all or large portion of the world with recognizable continents, age-appropriate features, and/or representations.

Submit original hard copy map—no digital files will be accepted.

Scan or photograph the finished illustration.

Submitted entries will not be returned.

Maximum size is 11 x 17 inches.

Please use a tracking number for entries!
Judging

• Portray a recognizable message
• Display cartographic content (symbols, colors, names, etc.)*
• Strive for overall quality (balance, harmony, use of color, legibility)
• Use a “system of projections” to depict coastlines, land masses, or boundaries
• Enter an original work
• Use traditional methods (i.e., color pencils, crayons, watercolor, 3D objects) or a computer program
• Use nonperishable and unbreakable materials (no glass, leaves of plants, etc.)

* Note: Cartographic accuracy is not a primary concern, though the illustration should be recognizable as a map in combination with the artist’s unique interpretation of the theme or story
U.S. Awards

Judges from the USNC will select the winners in each age group.

Honorable mentions will also be selected.

All participants will receive a certificate of acknowledgement, and all winners will receive a prize (book, map, etc.)
**U.S. Awards**

An International Jury will select the winners in each age group.

A Public Award will be given based on the votes of visitors to the exhibition.

The ICA Commission on Art and Cartography will present a Creativity Award.
Do You Like To Make Maps?

Kids like you around the country are drawing, painting, and constructing maps for a chance to win AWARDS and represent the UNITED STATES in the 2024 Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition! The theme this year is "The World Through My Eyes."

You and your friends could win awards! And your map could be selected as one of six national winners that will represent the USA in an international map competition in Vancouver, Canada, in 2025!

National finalists will be displayed with other maps from around the world. Work with your teachers to create your school’s map entries for the U.S. Children’s Map Competition by March 1, 2024.

Promote The Competition

Link from https://cartogis.org/awards/children/rules/
**U.S. CHILDREN’S MAP COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

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* For personal entries (not submitted by a school), the child’s parents or legal representative must indicate whether to make their personal address public. If they do not agree to make it public, the official address of the ICA Commission on Children and Cartography (https://tact.org/commissions) will be used for future contact about the illustration.

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Permission Slip

Child's family and first name:

(Father's / Mother's / Legal representative's) family and first name:
* Please, underline the appropriate option.

I / We* agree that my child's drawing may be used, copied, reproduced, modified, reprinted, and publicly performed and displayed, in hard copy or digital formats, by the International Cartographic Association (ICA) or other international organizations/publishers for publication on behalf of the ICA without consultation or copyright/royalty fees.

Date: ________________________________
Signature: ________________________________
Deadline: Send Entries So They Arrive By March 8th
More Information

• U.S. Children’s Map Competition
  • CaGIS: https://cartogis.org/awards/children/
  • NCGE: https://ncge.org/programs/childrens-map-competition/

• Petchenik Children’s Map Competition
  • https://icaci.org/petchenik/

• Petchenik Children’s Map Competition Archives
  • ICA: https://icaci.org/petchenik
  • Carlton University Library:
    https://childrensmaps.library.Carleton.ca
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