



## **The U.S. Maritime Administration invites all K-12 students to help celebrate 248 years of Maritime History and Service!**



On May 22, 2023, the U.S. Maritime Administration will celebrate National Maritime Day with a K-12 outreach event called, "A Day for Maritime Art." The theme for this year is "Celebrating 248 years of Maritime History." Students from maritime primary and secondary schools across the nation are invited to create and submit an original piece of artwork that creatively depicts the history and importance of the merchant marine.

Since the founding of this great nation, the U.S. Merchant Marine has been contributing to national security and economic prosperity by transporting goods and critical American military cargo across the globe! U.S. Merchant Mariners have played a major role in every conflict since then, transporting troops and supplies to war zones and bringing loved ones back home. Today, many of our everyday products like coffee, tea, paper towels, chocolate, and even toys, are transported aboard ships.

Can you think of a creative way to depict the importance of the maritime industry?

Students are invited to submit their original artwork by May 1, 2023, depicting the history and importance of the U.S. Merchant Fleet.

### **Guidelines:**

#### **Artwork Specifications**

- Each entry must be a two-dimensional, original piece of artwork done on white poster board or heavy white drawing paper in the landscape orientation.
- Any art medium may be used, (i.e., pencil, paint, chalk, ink, etc.).
- A slogan or title may be written on the artwork; however, the student's name or school may appear on back of the drawing.
- Artwork must be completely done by the student, including any written text.

- Any artwork that includes copyrighted or trademarked products cannot be used.
- You must take a high-resolution (at least 3072 x 2304 pixels) digital photograph of your poster to submit your entry.

**How to Submit Artwork** - Only one entry per student will be accepted.

- Submissions must be sent by e-mail to [careersafloat@dot.gov](mailto:careersafloat@dot.gov)
- Parents, legal guardians, and teachers/facilitators are allowed to submit entries for multiple students.
- The following information will be needed for each entry:
  - Title of artwork, such as “Happy Mariners;”
  - Student’s full name, grade, and school/after-school program;
  - Teacher’s/after-school facilitator’s name, phone number, and email; and
  - Uploaded file/digital photo of the artwork in .jpeg format.
- Submit your entry and keep the original artwork.

## **Next Steps**

Once the entry is submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to you. All entries must be submitted by **May 1, 2023**.

## **Use of Submissions**

The U.S. Maritime Administration retains the right to use the artwork submissions to meet agency outreach objectives, through maritime industry promotional efforts such as: future exhibitions; production of educational and promotional materials (i.e., pamphlets, calendars, or commemorative items), and posting of artwork on MARAD’s website or partner websites and social media. MARAD will always refer to and credit the name of the creator if their artwork is used.