

Good afternoon!

I wanted to reach out and introduce myself and [Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs](#). We are a Boston-based nonprofit whose mission is to activate the next generation of ocean leaders through the arts, science, and advocacy.

Our 9th annual [Ocean Awareness Contest](#)—*Climate Hope: Transforming Crisis*— invites middle and high school students to learn about the climate crisis and its impact on oceans; discover or imagine solutions at local, national, or global scales; and create work that explores hope in action. We accept submissions in visual art, writing, film, music, and interactive & multimedia, and student work becomes part of a global collection that is helping to raise awareness and inspire protection of our oceans. We are pleased to invite your students at Sandwich High School to participate!

In addition to our general [Contest awards](#), we have special scholarship opportunities for Cape & Islands students:

South Coast, Cape & Islands Award

Thanks to the generosity of the Island Foundation—which is committed to the conservation of marine and coastal resources in southeastern Massachusetts—we will be offering one \$250 cash scholarship in each age division to participants who reside on the South Coast of Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, or Nantucket. Participants are encouraged to describe how their submissions portray the impacts of the climate crisis on their communities, habitats, and wildlife, or that highlight local solutions to reduce the impact of climate change.

Bay State Award

All Massachusetts participants will be eligible for this \$250 award, a special recognition to celebrate the creative young artists, thinkers, and activists in our home state! Preference will be given to submissions that illustrate how the climate crisis impacts Massachusetts communities, habitats, and wildlife, or that highlight local solutions to reduce the impact of climate change.

Contest Details:

- Open to middle and high school students ages 11-18 worldwide
- Students can submit as individuals or as a class/group/club
- Hundreds of cash awards available, ranging from \$50 to \$1,500, as well as special opportunities for exhibiting, publishing, and participation in international environmental campaigns
- Free to enter
- Deadline: June 15, 2020
- For more information and to submit online, visit bowseat.org/contest.