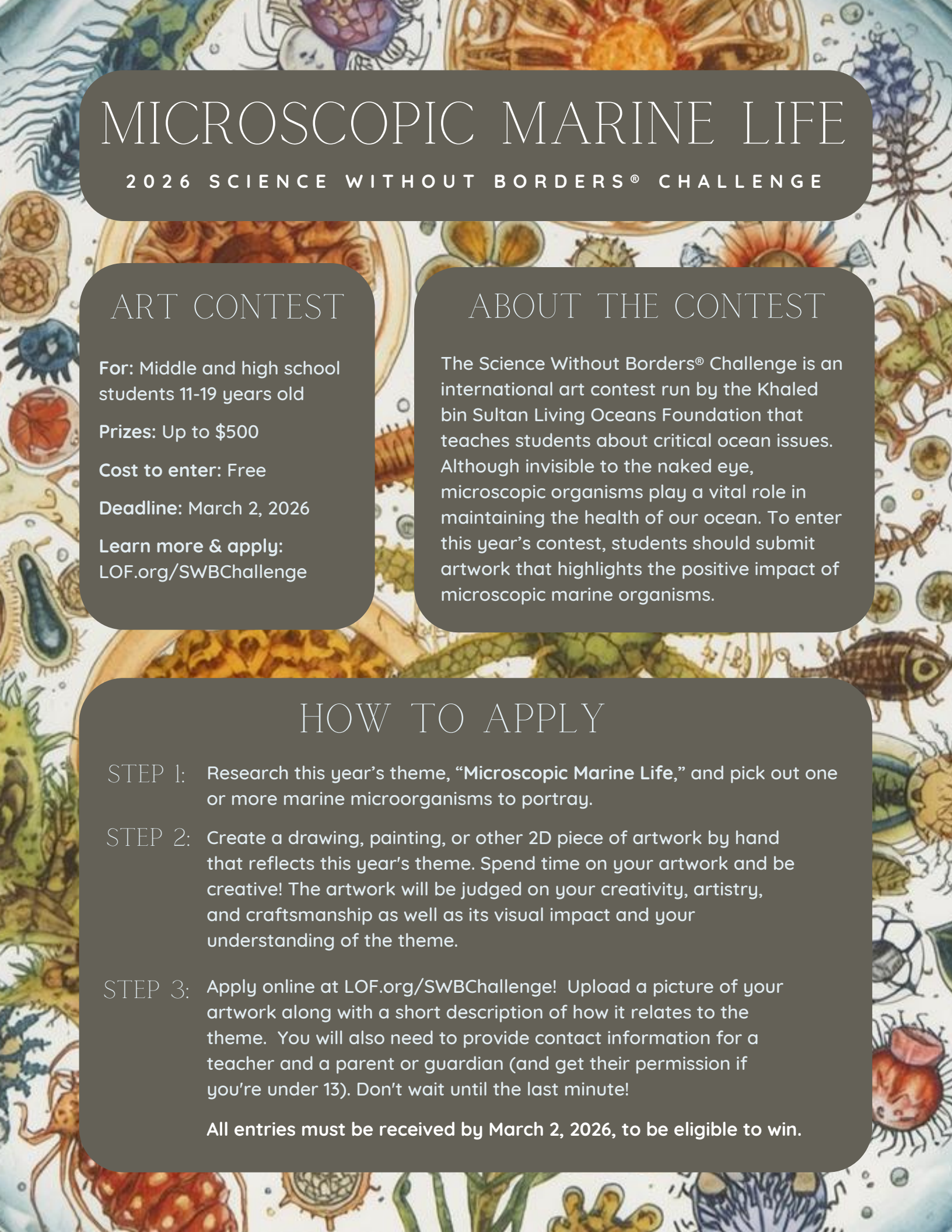


The background of the entire page is a detailed, colorful collage of various microscopic marine organisms. These include diatoms with their intricate silica shells, radiolarians, various types of algae, and other small sea creatures. The illustrations are in a classic scientific style, with fine lines and a rich color palette of blues, greens, oranges, and browns.

MICROSCOPIC MARINE LIFE

2026 SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS® CHALLENGE

ART CONTEST

For: Middle and high school students 11-19 years old

Prizes: Up to \$500

Cost to enter: Free

Deadline: March 2, 2026

Learn more & apply:
LOF.org/SWBChallenge

ABOUT THE CONTEST

The Science Without Borders® Challenge is an international art contest run by the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation that teaches students about critical ocean issues. Although invisible to the naked eye, microscopic organisms play a vital role in maintaining the health of our ocean. To enter this year's contest, students should submit artwork that highlights the positive impact of microscopic marine organisms.

HOW TO APPLY

- STEP 1:** Research this year's theme, "**Microscopic Marine Life**," and pick out one or more marine microorganisms to portray.
- STEP 2:** Create a drawing, painting, or other 2D piece of artwork by hand that reflects this year's theme. Spend time on your artwork and be creative! The artwork will be judged on your creativity, artistry, and craftsmanship as well as its visual impact and your understanding of the theme.
- STEP 3:** Apply online at LOF.org/SWBChallenge! Upload a picture of your artwork along with a short description of how it relates to the theme. You will also need to provide contact information for a teacher and a parent or guardian (and get their permission if you're under 13). Don't wait until the last minute!

All entries must be received by March 2, 2026, to be eligible to win.