September 12, 2023

Dear Artist:

Preparations have begun for the selection of the image to be used for the 2025/2026 Iowa Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Print and Stamp. The image selected will be used in the year 2025/2026 Iowa Ducks Unlimited Sponsor print which is presented to all Iowa Ducks Unlimited Sponsors and Major Donors. The artist may also print an edition exclusively for their own use.

Subject matter must be a waterfowl species that is native to or migrates through the Midwest. The entry can illustrate the species in any natural wetland setting, flying, or combination of the two. Other wildlife, hunters, or hunting dogs can all so be present in the image.

As you consider the subject matter and lay-out, please remember that this will be used as a stamp and printed in the 6 ½" x 11" image size. Your work may be any dimension, although it must be crop-able to this size. If you send your image with a mat or a frame, we will assume that the image does <u>not</u> extend under the media.

If you are interested in participating in the selection process, please send us the original image. You may send several images to be considered. These images must not have been previously published by Iowa DU. They may have been submitted for other prior competitions, as long as they have not been published as the winner of that competition. If you sent images in previous years that were not selected, please feel free to re-submit. Once an image is selected, no alterations will be allowed. Feel free to contact us with your questions.

The contest will be held in conjunction with the Iowa Ducks Unlimited State Convention held February 10th, 2024, at the West Des Moines Sheraton, 1800 50th Street, West Des Moines IA. Drop off entry deadline for the contest will be by 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, February 10th, 2024. Entries submitted by mail must be received at the address below by end of day February 5th, 2024. All entries must include a signed Artist Contract.

If your image is selected, a countersigned copy of the Artist Contract will be returned to you. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all the images entered. Please include prepayment for the return of all artworks entered or arrange for immediate pickup after the contest. This must be in the form of a UPS, FedEx, USPS return shipment label, or a check / money order for the amount to return your artwork via FedEx. All returns will be via FedEx Ground. NO POSTAGE stamps will be accepted for return shipment. Iowa DU Staff **WILL NOT** pick up or drop off artwork for the contest to the artist.

Please email with questions spotfam4@gmail.com

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