



“BEING WATER WISE IS...”

2027 ART CONTEST



Entry categories: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th grades

2027 MWD Student Art Calendar Contest Theme is “Being Water Wise Is ...”

This year’s theme highlights the importance of using water wisely and efficiently—at home, at school, in the community, in business, agriculture, and recreation. Clean, reliable water is essential to public health, and as climate change puts increasing pressure on Southern California’s water supplies, it’s more important than ever to conserve. Students are encouraged to illustrate the importance of conserving water and being responsible stewards of this vital resource.

To learn more visit: upperwater.org/being-water-wise-is-student-art-contest/

AWARDS

K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade categories:

1st Place - \$150
2nd Place - \$100
3rd Place - \$75
4th Place - \$50
5th Place - \$25

9th- 12th grade category:

1st Place - \$250
2nd Place - \$200
3rd Place - \$150
4th Place - \$100
5th Place - \$50

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 13, 2026 by 5:00pm

Entries must be emailed to upperdistrict@gmail.com **with both artwork and completed parental consent form** to be considered.

Questions? Contact Alexis Silva via email at Alexis@usgvmwd.org or call (626) 443-2297



"Being Water Wise is..." 2027 Art Contest Guidelines

Note: All entries become the property of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Upper Water and/or Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) reserve the right to use any submitted artwork for any public relations purposes, including, but not limited to: displaying the original or copies of the artwork on Upper Water's website, at events, and reproducing the artwork on various items. Students will be provided with a student artwork rights/approval form, which **must be signed by a parent or guardian** and submitted to Upper Water along with the artwork.

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Please note entries that do not meet all the rules will not be considered for participation.

- 1. One Entry Per Student:** A student may submit only one artwork entry.
- 2. Eligibility:** Students must be currently enrolled at a school located within Upper Water's service area. To check if your school is eligible, visit: upperwater.org/art-contest-submission.
- 3. Media & Format:** All art media are welcome (e.g. print, digital, 3D sculpture, etc.), but entries must be submitted in landscape orientation and in **digital format**.
- 4. Orientation Requirement:** All artwork must be depicted horizontally (landscape orientation). Portrait (vertical) submissions will not be accepted.
- 5. Image Specifications:** The digital image must be a minimum of 240 pixels per inch (ppi) or at least 5 megapixels (MP) in resolution. Preferably artwork entries can be scanned and saved with the image setting of 300dpi (dots per inch) and saved as a TIFF (Tag Image File Format).
- 6. File Name Formatting:** The file name for the image should be: `StudentLastName-FirstName-SchoolName.tiff`. Example: Joe Saldez attends Madison Elementary School so he uploads his entry with the file named **Joe-Saldez-Madison.tiff**.
- 7. Paper Size Requirement:** To avoid cropping, all artwork must be created in landscape orientation with a ratio close to 4:3 or 3:2 (e.g., 11" x 8.5" or 12" x 18" on white drawing paper or poster board).
- 8. Submission Process:** Artwork entries must be **submitted by emailing the scanned image and completed student/parental consent and information form** to upperdistrict@gmail.com
- 9. Theme & Subject Matter:** Artwork should illustrate either water-wise or efficient water use, water conservation, stewardship practices, or climate change. Students may choose to depict these themes in one of several contexts—such as inside or outside the home or school, in businesses or industries, in natural environments, in agriculture, through recreation, or by promoting cleanliness and hygiene.
- 10. Recommended Materials:** Brilliant, bright, or bold colors show up best. Students may use any, or all, of the following art media: crayons, markers, pencils, paints, watercolors, chalks, cut paper, or fabric.
- 11. Individual Work Only:** Each entry must be original and created by one student. Group or collaborative submissions will not be accepted. NO computer-generated or traced art. NO trademarked or copyrighted characters, slogans, brands, or words (i.e. SpongeBob, Hello Kitty, Snoopy, Coca-Cola, Twitter, etc.). Please, NO copycat or 'borrowed' ideas of artwork from past art contests.
 - a) Artwork must be "truly" the hands-on work of the student and realistically represent the age, grade, and developmental skill level of the student. **Adult assistance should be minimal!** Adults should NOT draw or write on any of the submitted artwork. *Upper Water reserves the right to question or disqualify artwork that is deemed not to be the artwork of the student based on their age and/or grade level.*
- 12. No Personal Information on Artwork:** Entries with names, signatures, initials, or other personal information displayed or written within the artwork will also be disqualified.

Winners will be announced in June and contacted directly by E-mail or mail. For any questions, please contact Alexis Silva at alexis@usgvmwd.org