

## MWRA Poster/Writing Contest Rules & Details

### Poster Contest



Question	Answer
Who is eligible for the contest?	All Massachusetts students in grades K-8 who attend school in one of MWRA's service communities and/or any student who lives in the MWRA district. Prizes are awarded in three categories: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. All artwork must be the student's work, and only individual (not group) entries will be accepted.
How will entries be judged?	Judging is based on originality, clarity of message, use of materials, and quality of work.
What size should entries be?	Posters should be no smaller than 8 ½ x 11 and no larger than 18 x 24. <b>Note:</b> Posters will be returned only if indicated on the registration form.

### Writing Contest



Question	Answer
Who is eligible for the contest?	All Massachusetts students in grades 3-12 who attend school in one of MWRA's service communities and/or live in the MWRA district. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 and only individual (not group) entries will be accepted. No audio or video entries will be accepted.
How will entries be judged?	Judging is based on factual accuracy, originality, creativity, clarity of thought, readability and persuasiveness.
How long should entries be?	Entries should be no longer than two single-sided pages and may be typed or written neatly in ink. <b>Note:</b> Writing entries will not be returned.

### Both Contests



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When is the contest deadline?	Entries must be postmarked by <b>Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b> . Early entries encouraged.
What are the packaging instructions?	A Student Label must be attached to each entry. The label must be taped or glued securely to the back of the entry (no paper clips or staples). You may create your own label or neatly write information on the back of the entry as long as all information is included. Teachers must fill in the Contest Registration Form stating the grade level(s) and number of entries. If there are entries from more than one grade level, fill out separate forms.
Can entries be dropped off at the MWRA?	All entries must be mailed to the address indicated on the Contest Registration Form.
What are the prizes?	The first place winner in each category receives a \$100 gift check. Second prize is a \$50 check and third prize is a \$25 check. Honorable Mention Awards will recognize other outstanding entries and each student who participates receives a certificate.
When will winners be announced?	Winners will be notified by mid April. Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony on Friday, May 25, 2012 at the Deer Island Treatment Plant. Contest winners, their families, teachers and principals are all invited to attend the ceremony.
Where can I get more information?	For information or to download forms, go to <a href="http://www.mwra.com">www.mwra.com</a> and click on <b>school program</b> .