

Frequently Asked Contest Questions (teachers)

Q. What is the topic for this year's contest?

A. MWRA at 40! – Students are being asked to highlight one or more projects that MWRA has been involved with since its creation in 1985.

Q. Does the entire class have to participate?

A. While some teachers have their entire class participate, others make it optional or offer it as a means of extra credit. If you only have a few entries, we do ask that you still complete the Contest Registration Form and make sure the students fill out the Student Label and attach it securely to the back of the entry. Please **Do Not** attach the student label to the front of the entry or use staples or paperclips.

Q. Where do I get the Registration Form and Student Labels?

A. You can download all the forms from this website: <https://www.mwra.com/projects-programs/school-program/annual-poster-essay-contest>

Q. If the entire class participates, should I sort through and only send in the best?

A. No, please send them all. This helps us to know how many students took part in the contest and enables us to send a Certificate of Participation to every entrant. **Please note:** we send blank certificates of participation for you, the teacher, to fill in the names.

Q. May I assist my students in any way?

A. We encourage class discussion to make sure the students stay on topic, but we ask that all work be done by the students themselves. We do allow teachers to assist students in grade K-2 with labeling and mounting of posters.

Q. Do posters have to be labeled and mounted?

A. No, but posters must be no smaller than **8.5" X 11"** and no larger than **18" X 24"**. Please no 3-D models that would be unable to mail.

Q. Must the writing entries be done on a computer?

A. No, they can be written neatly in ink. Writing entries should be no longer than 2 pages and use only one side of the paper.

Q. When is the contest deadline?

A. The contest deadline is **Tuesday, March 12, 2025**. Entries must be postmarked by this date and early entries are encouraged. Entries should be mailed to:

**MWRA School Contest
2 Griffin Way
Chelsea, MA 02150**

If you still have questions, contact Jacqueline Collins at Jacqueline.collins@mwra.com