



2025/2026 MWRA Annual Contest Rules and Details

All participants must attend school or live within the MWRA Service Area. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third Place (\$100, \$50, and \$25). There will also be four Honorable Mentions in each category. Judging is based on originality, clarity of message, use of materials, factual accuracy, and quality of work. Students should submit entries individually for the Writing and/or Poster contest. Group entries are accepted for the Video contest, however the group shall collectively be treated as a single entrant and only one (1) prize will be awarded to the group.

Entries must be postmarked by **Wednesday March 11th, 2026**. Early entries encouraged. All entries must be mailed to: MWRA School Program, 2 Griffin Way, Chelsea, MA 02150.

A student label (included in your packet and found online) **must** be attached to the back of each Poster and Writing entry. Teachers must fill in the Contest Registration form, also included in this packet and found online. If there are multiple grade levels for one teacher, please fill out one registration for per grade. Winners will be notified in April of 2026.

Please see below for additional information on each category.

Poster Contest	Writing Contest	Video Contest
This contest is judged in four categories: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12	This contest is judged in two categories: Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8	This contest is judged in one category: Grades 9-12
Posters should be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 18" x 24"	Entries should be no longer than two single-sided pages. Entries can be typed or hand written.	Videos must be at least 1 minute long but no longer than 2 minutes.
If you want your artwork returned, this must be indicated on the registration form	Writing entries will not be returned!	Entries can be uploaded to a drop box by visiting https://bit.ly/MWRAvideoentry
ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A STUDENT LABEL! POSTER AND WRITING ENTRIES SHOULD BE ON THE BACK OF THE ENTRY. VIDEO ENTRIES SHOULD INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR VIDEO.		

If you still have questions or want additional contest packets, visit www.mwra.com or reach out to Kelly Curtis at Kelly.curtis@mwra.com

Good luck!