

Water is Life

Student Art Poster Contest 2026/27

Showcase your artistic skills through a **water-wise art contest** by using the theme "Being water-wise is". Students in K-12 in schools within the service area of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency are invited to create an art poster and submit by deadline.



ENTER YOUR ART AND WIN EXCITING PRIZES AT EVERY LEVEL

- * 1st Place: Mini iPad
- * 2nd Place: (4) museum tickets
- * 3rd Place: Wooden art kit and art book

1st place winners' teachers are eligible for prizes too!

ARTWORK JUDGED BASED ON AWARD CATEGORIES

- * Grades K-5: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
- * Grades 6-8: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
- * Grades 9-12: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place



Past winner



POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

- * Be a K-12 student enrolled in school within IEUA's service area.
- * Artwork to depict water-wise use inside, outside the home/school, environment, or recreation.

CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED: MARCH 12, 2026

Submit all entries and forms in-person. **Please contact Hazel Ceron at hceron@ieua.org** for drop-off instructions.

Scan QR code for more details.



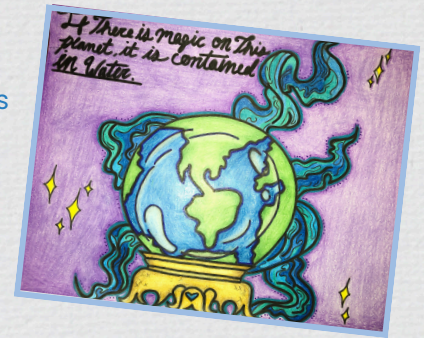
QUESTIONS? CONTACT IEUA!

For more information on participation, please contact IEUA staff, Hazel Ceron at hceron@ieua.org.



Poster Contest Rules

- THEME:** Artwork must **illustrate water-wise and efficient use** in either home, school, community, business, agriculture or recreation. Artwork should **emphasize conversation, stewardship, and/or climate change impacts**.
- SIZING:** Artwork **must be 12" x 18" or 8.5" x 11" in size** and drawn on WHITE poster board, WHITE drawing paper and/or WHITE background. Artwork drawn on 12" x 18" paper must have AT LEAST a one-inch white or blank border on all four sides.
- If drawing on a digital notepad, drawing/graphic tablet, no photographs, television or videos will be accepted. **Artwork will be expected to be scanned and uploaded digitally.** Students may not use images generated through AI platforms.
- LAYOUT:** Posters must **be drawn HORIZONTALLY.** Vertical artwork is **NOT** accepted.
- GRAMMAR:** A "short" water message may be written on the artwork, but not necessarily the words "Being water-wise is..." The less text on artwork is better. **ART WITH MISSPELLINGS ARE DISQUALIFIED!**
- ART MEDIA:** Use one or more of the following materials: crayons, pencils, watercolors, paints, markers, pastels, chalk, cut paper or fabric. **BOLD, BRILLIANT & BRIGHT COLORS are preferred!**
- Artwork must be ORIGINAL!** (no traced, trademarked or copyrighted characters or slogans, such as Snoopy, Labubus, Disney, etc.). No "copycat" ideas of artwork from past posters or calendars. Artwork **MUST** be "truly" the hands-on work of the student and realistically represent the age, grade and developmental skill level.
- SUBMISSION:** Artwork must be submitted **IN-PERSON.** Please email Hazel Ceron at hceron@ieua.org for drop off instructions. Submissions must also include a copy of the completed Poster Information Card and the Student Artwork Rights/Approval Form signed by a parent/guardian of the student. Make sure all names are written clearly. Submitted artwork becomes the property of Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Download the Poster Information Card and Student Form here: www.ieua.org/learn-about-water/student-art-poster-contest/



2026 Student Information Card
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

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Student's Name:	Grade Level:
Teacher's Name:	Teacher's Email:
School Name:	School Phone:
School District:	
Digital Filename:	
Submitting Agency:	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Contact Person(s):	Hazel Ceron
MWD Member Agency:	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Contact Person(s):	Hazel Ceron

Please ensure all names and information are written clearly and properly spelled.

Student Artwork Rights / Parental Approval Form

Any submission becomes the property of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the participating agency, and the submission may or may not be returned.

Metropolitan and the participating agency have the right to use any selected poster for its "Being Water Wise" calendar and promotional items, and for any other Metropolitan public relations use. This includes but is not limited to Metropolitan's web site, social media, display of the original or copies of art at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on such items as t-shirts, stickers and postcards, etc.

Yes I approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2026 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

No I do not approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2026 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

Student's Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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Deadline: Thursday, March 12, 2026 by 5 p.m.
Submit entries in-person.
Please contact **Hazel Ceron at 909.925.7264**
or hceron@ieua.org for drop-off instructions.
Paper is available upon request.