

TEXAS IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER ART CONTEST

The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and the Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA) are seeking talented young artists for the Imagine a Day Without Water (IDWW) Art Contest.

2024-2025 Contest Overview:

- ◆ Ages: Kindergarten – 6th Grade
- ◆ Entry Dates: September 3 – October 25, 2024
- ◆ Theme for Artwork: “How are you Water Wise?” *or* “Why is it important to be Water Wise?”



Purpose of the Contest

Imagine a Day Without Water (<https://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>) is a national campaign to raise awareness of the value of water in our lives. As the leading water/wastewater professional organizations in Texas, WEAT and TAWWA organized this art contest to engage the next generation and encourage them to be environmental stewards. We hope you will see this as an opportunity to combine your lessons on environmental science and the water cycle with artistic projects to spur discussion and creativity.



What do teachers/parents need to do?

We ask that you incorporate the art contest on its own or as part of another water-based educational activity. This could be a short lesson or a long-term project in which learners add to their artwork over time. Because water is an essential resource, there are no limits to the topics you can discuss, and we have provided some resources within this packet. When your activities are complete, please collect entries from your students and send the artwork to us for judging by the contest deadline.

TEACHERS: Fill out [this interest form by October 4, 2024](#) to tell us how you’re celebrating the contest and find WEAT/TAWWA volunteer support, if needed!

Tips for Success

Pretty pictures are always nice, but contest entries really stand out when they show an understanding of topics such as conservation, water quality / protecting the environment, and the need for water in all aspects of our lives such as growing food, manufacturing clothing and electronics, improving health, and supporting community development and the overall economy. That is why we suggest pairing the art activity with age-appropriate lessons or experiments.

If you’d like to invite a WEAT/TAWWA volunteer to your classroom for guest presentations or STEM support, please contact us or find a local contact person at: <https://TexasWaterEd.org/>



Prizes

- Up to 13 overall winners will be selected and their artwork will be featured in the annual **WEAT/TAWWA Imagine a Day Without Water Calendar** for the upcoming year (2025)
- Winners chosen for the calendar will receive a complimentary calendar AND a prize
- Special prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners (*special prizes awarded in the past include 6-month KiwiCo subscriptions in 2021 and Thames & Kosmos Hydropower Science kits in 2022*)
- The sponsoring/organizing teachers who assisted the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will also receive a prize (*\$50 Amazon gift cards in past years*)



A **live online celebration** will also be held to announce the contest winners and share other water-themed activities. Winners will be notified in advance and may have opportunity to speak during the program.

Art Contest Rules

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 25, 2024

Theme: **How are you Water Wise? /OR/ Why is it important to be Water Wise?**

Ages: Kindergarten – 6th Grade

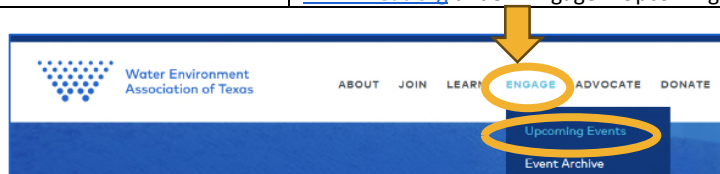
Requirements:

- All Texas students in K-6th Grade are eligible (homeschool and individual entries are welcome)
- Limited to one entry per student
- Must include a completed entry form
- Artwork must be original – no copyrighted products or images allowed
- Entries must be 8.5”x11” size in a horizontal layout (landscape)
- Do NOT write your name on the front of the artwork (to ensure anonymous judging)
- MEDIA RELEASE:** By entering the contest, you agree that all submitted artwork may be featured in WEAT and AWWA publications and social media platforms.

How to Enter (choose one!)

Send your artwork and entry form using one of these methods:

✉ EMAIL	✉ MAIL	💻 ONLINE FORM
nblangford@sig-auto.com	Nyla Langford Signature Automation 17950 Preston Rd, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75252	Must have Google account: https://bit.ly/TXWaterArt2024 Link will also be on the contest page at www.weat.org under “Engage > Upcoming Events”





Teacher/Parent Supplemental Information

Your Local Water Utility: *The best resource for knowledge about your local watershed, water supply, and distribution/sewer system will come from your utility / water provider! Even if your utility does not have public education/outreach staff, they may communicate important information through social media, newsletters, or billing inserts. Make sure to connect with them and show your support!*

If your utility cannot assist with education activities, WEAT/TAWWA’s regional volunteer leads can help make connections. Find your local contact person at: <https://TexasWaterEd.org/>

National IDWW Inspiration: *Select K-12 educational resources are available at:*

- 💧 <https://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>
- 💧 <https://uswateralliance.org/programs/the-value-of-water-campaign/imagine-a-day-without-water/resources-students/>
- 💧 <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids>

TAWWA “Be A Water Geek” Videos: *The TAWWA Education Division produced these animated videos covering a variety of topics such as watersheds, treatment, distribution, and fire hydrants. Each video is less than 3 minutes long; Spanish versions are also available. <https://vimeopro.com/texasawwa/watergeek-videos>*



Water Footprint: *Water is necessary to grow the food we eat and manufacture the electronics we depend on every day. On this website, you can look up the water footprint for different products, countries, or calculate your personal water footprint as part of an individual activity or group discussion: <https://waterfootprint.org/en/water-footprint/>*

Quick Facts:

- 💧 Each t-shirt produced uses 659 gallons of water
- 💧 1.7 liters of water are used to produce 2 liters of soda
- 💧 42 gallons of water are needed to make one slice of pizza



Water for People: *WFP is a nonprofit organization that helps communities around the world to build water and sanitation systems. The resources below provide some background on their work and can help people understand the value of our own water/wastewater utilities.*

- 💧 Facts on the global water crisis: <https://www.waterforpeople.org/the-global-water-crisis/>
- 💧 “40 Billion Hours” video (<2 min): <https://vimeo.com/49014417>



Careers in Water: *The water/wastewater industry offers a wide range of rewarding careers where individuals can give back to the community while enjoying recession-proof stability and job security long into the future. It is impossible to create more water than what already exists on Earth, and as human populations and water-consuming industries continue to grow, we will always need water/wastewater professionals. Opportunities abound for a variety of career paths with or without higher education, such as operators, electricians, mechanics, laboratory technicians, engineers, chemists, computer programmers, communications and public education staff, and other business functions like management, customer service, and accounting.*



Encourage your students to thank the utility workers behind the pipes and consider future career options: <https://www.workforwater.org/>

About WEAT/AWWA



Water Environment Association of Texas

The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) is your expert on water quality in the state of Texas. We exist to preserve, protect, and enhance the state’s water resources for Texans to enjoy. Clean water is an essential part of Texas and the high quality of life our residents enjoy every day. It is important to Texas’ economy and growth. Having clean water depends on the committed individuals and vital infrastructure that protect and maintain our clean water supply now and into the future. WEAT comprises water environment professionals of varying backgrounds such as engineers, scientists, operations and collection system specialists, maintenance workers, professors/ researchers, and utility managers who work together for one goal: clean water.

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Texas AWWA American Water Works Association

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit organization focused on scientific and educational water activities. AWWA professionals seek to engage utilities, engineers, operators, and community members of all ages. Members strive to share knowledge with water customers and build lasting relationships in the community. Volunteering is a key focus of AWWA, as professionals value giving back to students in their cities. For over 135 years, AWWA has been publishing journals, hosting technical conferences, and providing guidance on water quality standards for the industry. Professionals look forward to continuing the legacy of sharing technical knowledge while making a positive impact for many more years to come.

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Tip for Teachers: Fill out this section BEFORE giving away copies!

Teacher/Organizer Information	
Organizer Name	
Email & Phone	
School / Organization	
City	

Student / Artist Information			
Title of Art			
Student Name			
Grade Level (K-6th are eligible)		City	
<p>CHOOSE ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS and write 1-2 sentences in response (you may attach another sheet):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are YOU Water Wise? Why is it important to be Water Wise? Tell us about your artwork and what you wanted to show <p style="text-align: right;">NOTE: Your answer will be printed in the calendar if you are one of the winners!</p>			
PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION			
Parent/Guardian Name			
Parent/Guardian Phone Number		Email	
Address where prizes will be mailed if selected			
If selected, do you agree to have your student's first name, school name, and school's city printed in the calendar?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, please print the artist's credit <input type="checkbox"/> NO, please label the artwork by "anonymous"		

BY SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY FORM, I CONFIRM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS CORRECT. I understand that the artwork will become the property of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and American Water Works Association (AWWA), two nonprofit organizations, and is for WEAT/AWWA's printed and digital use.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date