



TWUA Annual Poster and Essay Contest 2020

Deadline: (Postmark by) January 25, 2020

Contest Topic: "Water, Nature's Most Precious Commodity"

Re: Contest Information, Rules and Entry Form

Dear District Superintendent or School Coordinator:

We are pleased to invite your 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to participate in the Texas Water Utilities Association, Public Education Committee, Poster and Essay Contest for 2020.

This program was developed in an effort to educate the public about the water utilities industry. As you are aware, water is one of our most vital and precious natural resources. Curriculum could include: the impact of flooding on our communities and environment; agricultural impact in times of flooding or draught (too much or too little water); hydroelectricity; the importance of clean water to human health; or maybe a class/school-wide look at reduction in consumption and the environmental impact of such action. The possibilities are endless, and we look forward to seeing how this year's topic encourages further learning in your classroom.

Contest Information:

Enclosed you will find the contest rules and an official entry form for your use. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed.

The three winning students selected in both categories (Poster/Essay), will receive a check in the amount of **\$200/1st Place, \$100/2nd Place and \$50/3rd Place**. Their work will be displayed at our Texas Water Utilities Association Annual School Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 1-4, 2020.

We hope you will pass this material on to your Science, English, and Art Departments and encourage the teachers to utilize this opportunity to educate their students about the water/wastewater industry and the impact that water has on our environment.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact TWUA Central Office at: (512) 459-3124 or twua@twua.org

Sincerely,

TWUA Poster/Essay Committee
Enclosures: Rules and Entry Form

Note: Please pass this information packet on to teachers or coordinators who might be interested in participating, and be sure to send us any corrections or updates to your school contacts.

POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST RULES

This contest is sponsored by Texas Water Utilities Association to introduce students to the water environment and processes involved in supplying a modern community with safe water and wastewater treatment.

CONTEST AWARDS:

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| First Place: | \$200.00 (Check) |
| Second Place | \$100.00 (Check) |
| Third Place | \$ 50.00 (Check) |

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place poster/essay winners will be displayed at the Texas Water Utilities Association "Annual School" March 1st – 4th, 2020 at the American Bank Convention Center, in Corpus Christi, Texas. All selected winners will be included in the May issue of the TWUA Journal as well.

POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST RULES:

1. To enter, students shall be in grades 4, 5, or 6 at the time of the contest, and must submit a poster, an essay, or both.
2. Poster entries must be in **PORTRAIT** format (11" wide X 17" high) and suitable for matting. **NO OTHER SIZE WILL BE PERMITTED AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.** Do not use copyrighted characters as these cannot be reproduced. Paints, charcoal drawings, pen and ink, crayon or pastel sketches made from original work may be used for your poster.

A green-bordered box containing the text "YES Use portrait format" in green. "YES" is at the top, "Use" is in the middle, and "portrait format" is at the bottom.

A red-bordered box containing the text "NO Do not use landscape format!!!" in red. "NO" is at the top, "Do not use" is in the middle, and "landscape format!!!" is at the bottom.
3. Essay entries should be at least 150 words, but not more than 400 words in length.
4. Each entry (poster or essay) must have an official entry form attached. Forms may be reproduced as necessary. The questions on the entry form must be answered in the space provided and each form must have the signature of the teacher who will be submitting the entries.
5. Only full-time students in the State of Texas are eligible and they must be enrolled in grades 4, 5, or 6 on the entry date. Teachers may submit **ONLY** the **TOP THREE POSTER** entries and the **TOP THREE ESSAY** entries from each class. **SUBMITTING MORE THAN THIS NUMBER OF ENTRIES WILL DISQUALIFY EVERYONE.**
6. Entries are to be mailed or delivered to:

**Texas Water Utilities Association
Attn: Poster/Essay Coordinator
210 East Hwy. 79, Suite 101
Hutto, TX 78643**
7. All entries must be postmarked no later than January 25, 2020.
8. Decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be announced February 21, 2020. Winner's information can be obtained on TWUA website at <http://www.twua.org> click on the (About Tab) following announcements.
9. Entries become the property of the Texas Water Utilities Association and cannot be returned or acknowledged.

Judging Criteria: The Public Education Committee will base their judging on the following criteria: Originality, knowledge of topic research and study, exemplified neatness and skill of execution. Please contact TWUA Central Office with any questions at: (512) 459-3124 or twua@twua.org



TEXAS WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION

2020 POSTER /ESSAY CONTEST

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

"Proudly Celebrating Educational Excellence since 1918"

The 2020 Poster and Essay Topic is: Water, Nature's Most Precious Commodity

Using the lessons given in class and independent research, draw a poster or write an essay depicting or explaining: the impact of flooding on our communities and environment; agricultural impact in times of flooding or draught (too much or too little water); hydroelectricity; the importance of clean water to human health; or a class/school-wide look at reduction in consumption and the environmental impact of such action. Other ideas regarding "Water, Nature's Most Precious Commodity"? We are excited to see what you come up with. Try not to be too brief in explaining the topic. Attach your essay or poster to this Entry Form with a school picture if available.

This Section to be filled out by the teacher: (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S GRADE LEVEL: _____ STUDENT'S AGE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NO.: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

TEACHER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I certify that this entry is one of the TOP THREE entries in this class that the student is in grade 4, 5, or 6, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the entry is the original work of the student.

Teacher's signature required:
