



BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Ka 'Oihana Wai

2026 WATER CONSERVATION WEEK POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE: Friday, February 27, 2026

Entries without a completed entry form will not be considered. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENTIRE FORM.

Each entry must be clearly labeled on the back, upper left corner with the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL NAME, and TEACHER'S FULL NAME. (Typed labels are highly recommended.)

Teacher Name Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. (circle one) _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone No. _____ Grade Level _____

Email Address _____

☐ Yes, I want to hear from the Board of Water Supply about water education for the classroom and/or for professional development.

My student(s) is/are entering the:

☐ POSTER Contest
Kindergarten - 6th grade

☐ POETRY Contest
7th grade - 12th grade

Total number of entries submitted: _____ POSTER Contest _____ POETRY Contest

How did you hear about this contest? (check ALL that apply)

☐ School Principal

☐ Other Teacher

☐ DOE Newsletter

☐ BWS Calendar

☐ BWS Website

☐ News Media

☐ Social Media

☐ Other (please specify) _____

By entering the contest, you agree to abide by contest requirements and rules as specified on the back of this form. Poster and poetry entries will not be returned by the BWS.

SUBMISSION:

- **Deadline:** Friday, February 27, 2026
- All entries must be received with a completed entry form by the deadline to be eligible.
- Entries may be dropped off at:
 - Board of Water Supply's Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Satellite City Hall during regular business hours (excluding Pearl Harbor/Hickam).
- Entries may be mailed to the Board of Water Supply's Communications Office, 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96843.
- Online at www.boardofwatersupply.com/wcwcontest

PRIZES:

- POSTER Contest (K - 6th grade): 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$150, 3rd Place: \$100
- POETRY Contest (7th - 12th grade): 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$150, 3rd Place: \$100, 4th Place: \$50



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2026 WATER CONSERVATION WEEK POSTER & POETRY CONTEST RULES

2026 Contest Theme: "Everyday Conservation"

- Water conservation means using our limited water supply wisely and caring for it properly. Since each of us depends on water for life, it is our responsibility to learn more about water conservation and how we can take an active role in ensuring sustainability of O'ahu's water supply.
- The Board of Water Supply (BWS) encourages students to reflect on, and convey in their artwork or poem, simple actions that anyone can do to save water. No water-conserving effort is too small - everyone can do their part to use our precious drinking water resources wisely and contribute to an island-wide commitment to a sustainable future.
- Students may depict but are not limited to these concepts: general water conservation indoors, outdoors, at home, at work, and at play; sustaining water resources for future generations; watershed protection; and the water cycle.
- To learn more about this year's contest theme, O'ahu's water supply and conservation, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- ▷ Poster entries using chalk, charcoal, oil-based crayons, electronic media, or three-dimension art will be disqualified.
- **7th grade - 12th grade only**
POETRY entries of any style are acceptable.
 - ▷ Entries must be 150 words or less, and no longer than 20 lines. Longer entries will be disqualified.
 - ▷ Entries must be submitted on a standard 8.5- x 11-inch, letter-sized paper.
 - ▷ Poetry must be typewritten or printed from a computer. Handwritten entries will be disqualified.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

By submitting an entry, an entrant represents that the poster/poem is an original work, and the entrant is the sole owner of all rights to the work. An entrant also agrees to allow the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to use his or her name to post on the BWS web site, without compensation unless prohibited. Each entrant retains his or her rights to their work but grants to BWS a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the poster/poem, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any BWS purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion. BWS will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses. The Honolulu Board of Water Supply, its agents and contractor, are not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, or postage-due entries. Contest void where prohibited or restricted by law. BWS reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion.

Decisions of BWS are final and binding.

POSTER & POETRY PICK UP:

Winning entries become the property of the Board of Water Supply. Poster and poetry entries will not be returned by the BWS. Non-winning posters and poems may be picked up from the BWS Communications Office at 630 S. Beretania Street, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., between May 15 and July 31, 2026.

Entries not picked up by July 31, 2026 will be discarded.

MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com/wcwcontest for a complete list of contest rules, detailed listing of where to submit the entries, a listing of prizes, or to download a contest entry form. Or, call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041 or email contactus@hbws.org.

CONTEST RULES:

- All entries must reflect the theme of the contest as it relates to fresh drinking water. Ocean water, bottled water, bottled drinks, or ocean life featured in the work will be disqualified.
- Students must author their own poetry/draw their own poster. Collaborative and plagiarized work will be disqualified.
- Students may submit only one poster or poem.
- **All entries must be clearly labeled on the back, upper left corner** with the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL NAME, and TEACHER'S FULL NAME. (Typed labels are highly recommended.) If an entry is not clearly and correctly labeled, it will be disqualified.
- All entries must be accompanied by one completed entry form. If submitting multiple entries for various student grades, please submit one completed entry form per grade. If a completed entry form is not received, the entry/entries will be disqualified.
- **Kindergarten - 6th grade only**
POSTERS must be on 11-x17-inch paper — landscape or portrait format.
 - ▷ **Note:** Contest rules have been revised to now accept **11-x17-inch paper**. 12- x 18-inch paper will still be accepted as we transition to the new paper requirements.
 - ▷ Measure carefully — Posters larger or smaller in size will be disqualified. Undersized artwork mounted on larger poster board or paper will be disqualified.

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