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## DEAR TEACHER OR PARENT

Thank you for all you do to educate our young leaders. We hope you will continue to partner with West Virginia American Water on our 9th annual Protect Our Watersheds Art Contest!

As a leader in environmental stewardship and watershed education, it's our duty at West Virginia American Water to ensure our next generation is engaged and understands ways they can help keep our watersheds and drinking water sources clean and healthy in West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Rob Burton  
President, West Virginia  
American Water



# PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS ART CONTEST

## Contest Rules and Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students in schools served by West Virginia American Water. The contest can serve as a classroom project, and individual submissions from students who live within the company's service territory are also welcomed.

### THEME

Entries should reflect positive messages about why our watersheds are valuable and how we can protect them.

### ARTWORK

All artwork must be the student's original work. Artwork, on standard white 8.5" X 11" paper is preferred and should not exceed 11" x 17" in size. Acceptable media are paint (watercolors or oil), colored pencils, markers or pastels.

### ENTRY FORM

Be sure to submit one copy of the completed entry form for each entry. The form should be securely attached to the back of the student's piece of artwork. Do not attach these forms with paper clips or staples, which can damage the artwork.

### MAILING

Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube - no folding, please! If mailing flat, please be sure to use cardboard or a similar material to protect artwork during mailing.

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### RIGHTS TO ARTWORK

Submissions become property of West Virginia American Water. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, which will not be returned.

### DEADLINE TO APPLY

All entries must be postmarked by **Friday, April 5, 2024**. We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Please mail to: Sarah Wade, West Virginia American Water, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302.

### JUDGING

The judges will consider creative vision, artistic talent, an understanding of watershed protection and an ability to communicate that message. Winners will be announced during Earth Week in April. West Virginia American Water reserves the right to not award a winner if no entry merits such designation.

### PRIZES

Two winners will be selected statewide. The winners will receive a \$50 bookstore gift card. The winner's entire class will receive a pizza party with our mascot, Puddles, and a \$50 gift card for the teacher to purchase classroom supplies.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Sarah Wade at [Sarah.Wade@amwater.com](mailto:Sarah.Wade@amwater.com).

# Protect Our Watersheds Art Contest

## ENTRY FORM



### PLEASE PRINT. TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST SUBMIT ONE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH ENTRY.

(The form should be taped to the back of each piece of artwork. Please do not paper clip or staple.)

#### Student Information

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian's Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### School Information

Public/Private School     Home schooled

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

County in which the student lives/attends school \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher, Scout Leader or Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number (w/area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT EXPLANATION

Please write a few words telling the contest judges about the inspiration for artwork and why watershed/water resource protection that is important to you. Your explanation and artwork will be considered by our judges to determine the winning selections.