



Poster Contest Announcement

2026 Theme: Water: Our Story

The Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee invites 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to submit artwork to the 2026 poster contest. This is an opportunity for students to think creatively about the importance of water in their lives and our world. This year's theme is "Water: Our Story." Students can use the attached fact sheet to inform their posters. More educational resources can be found at <https://vtruralwater.org/education/>.

Submissions are due Friday, April 10th. Winners will be announced by April 24th and recognized at the Drinking Water Week Fair on May 8th. There will be at least one winner and honorable mention for each grade, and winners will receive prizes including a Vermont State Parks pass.

Rules

- Artwork must be created for the sole purpose of this contest.
- Artwork should be no larger than 8 ½" x 11"
- Artwork must be **original** and can be in any medium including hand-drawn, digitally created (no AI-generated content), photography, or collage.
- Students should work individually on their posters.
- The Committee discourages depicting single-use bottled water in a positive light.
- Spelling counts!

Submission

Mail entries to:

Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee
c/o Vermont Rural Water Association
20 Susie Wilson Rd, Suite B
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Email entries to vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com with "Poster Contest" in the subject line.

Submissions must be received by close-of-business on **Friday, April 10, 2026**. Please include the student's name, grade, teacher, and school on the back of each submission.

By submitting an entry, participants agree to have their artwork used throughout the year in or on print publications, web pages, social media, press releases, presentations, and special events. Names will be withheld on websites and social media.

Suggestions for Students

- Your artwork should reflect this year's theme, "Water: Our Story."
- Take some time to plan your poster before you begin.
- Think about the goal of your poster and how you want viewers to respond. We encourage you to choose one of the following goals:
 - To educate – teach the viewer about drinking water
 - To motivate – encourage the viewer to take action to protect water resources
 - To inspire – engage the viewer's imagination