

2025 Youth Art Contest

Imagine a Day Without Water









Open to:
All Youth that live in the
City of Charlottesville
& Albemarle County in
Grades K to 12th.

Theme: "Water Works"

Water works hard—for you, your family, your community, and the planet. From brushing your teeth to growing your food, water makes everything work. This year, we want to see how you imagine a world where water works. Make every drop count through your art!

SEPT 15TH - OCT 27TH

Contest Rules

-  All entries must convey the theme of the contest:
"Water Works"
-  Entries must be the work of one individual student, no collaborations or AI-generated art.
-  Multiple entries from the same student will be accepted.
-  Original artwork or photography only. Entries submitted with copyrighted characters or images, and AI-generated art will not be accepted.
-  Artwork can be any 2-dimensional size. Suggestion sizes are horizontal 11" x 8.5" for drawings and 4:3 ratio for photography.
-  Any medium may be used (paint, colored pencils, crayons, markers, photography, etc.) No 3-D entries, please.
-  Teachers may submit for students or students can submit independently through their parents.
-  Submission Options:
 - Submit digitally through our Art Contest Platform Upload Form (accepts: JPEG/JPG, PNG, or GIF images).
 - Mail your entry to Water Conservation, PO Box 911, Charlottesville, VA 22902
 - In person at JMRL Central, Northside, and Crozet branches. Check JMRL.org for hours of service.

PRIZES

For the Students:

\$200 gift card

One winner in each category

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Grades 7-8
- Grades 9-12
- Fan Favorite (voting Nov 17th - Dec 3rd)
- Best Photography

For the Teacher:

Teachers that have their students participate will be eligible for **\$200 gift card** for classroom projects.

- Most classroom submissions
- A random winner each from a CCS, ACPS, and a private school or organization

The more students that participate will increase the odds of winning!

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Without Water**

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Service Authority**
Serving & Conserving



www.charlottesville.gov/artcontest

Official Entry Form



2025 Charlottesville "Imagine a Day without Water" Art Contest: "Water Works"

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Division Category: Grades: K-2 ☐ Grades: 3-4 ☐ Grades: 5-6 ☐
(Please check one)

Grades: 7-8 ☐ Grades: 9-12 ☐ Photography ☐

Teacher Sponsor Name (if applicable) : _____

Home Phone Number: (____) _____

(Parent/Teacher signature)

E-mail Address: _____

If you are submitting in person or through mail, you must completely fill this out to be a valid entry.

Please write legibly! Electronic submissions will fill this out as part of your digital submission.

Posters become the property of the contest sponsors (City of Charlottesville, ACSA and RWSA) and will not be returned. The contest sponsors have the right to display or otherwise use the submissions for future promotions.

Deadline for all poster entries is Monday, Oct 27th 2025! Please attach this form to the back of your poster!

- Winners will be recognized through a press release and their work will be exhibited in public venues.
- A panel of judges (to be selected by the contest sponsors) will select the winning posters for each grade division.
- Posters will be judged on message (keep in mind the theme), originality, creativity and overall presentation.
- Posters must be submitted by October 27th using one of the official submission processes by the end of business day.
- The Fan Favorite winner will be selected by online voting from the top entries (number based on entries). The link with the eligible entries will be available at www.charlottesville.gov/artcontest starting on November 17th through December 3rd.
- One student may not win both the fan favorite and judges pick, and if the student is chosen for both, the fan favorite runner-up will win the Fan Favorite prize.
- The winners of all categories will be announced by December 10th, 2025.

For updates and full list of rules and contest information, please go to our website. www.charlottesville.gov/artcontest.

Submit Online:

www.charlottesville.gov/artcontest.

Submit by Mail:

Water Conservation, PO Box 911,
Charlottesville, VA 22902.

Submit in Person:

At JMRL Central, Northside, and Crozet
branches. Check JMRL.org for hours of service.

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Jill Greiner

Water Efficiency Program Coordinator

434-970-3877

waterconservation@charlottesville.gov

Important: Each poster mailed or delivered in person **MUST** have the official entry form attached to the back.

All information must be filled in completely and legibly. Illegible and incomplete entries will be disqualified. Please print or type ALL information. Entry forms may be copied if needed.