

# 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.

## PRIZES:

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

1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place poster/essay entries will be displayed at the Texas Water Utilities Association "Annual School" February 27<sup>th</sup> -March 2, 2011 at the American Bank Convention Center, in Corpus Christi, Texas. All select winners will be included in an upcoming issue of the Texas Water Utilities Journal.

## POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST RULES:

1. To enter, students must be in grades 4, 5, or 6, and submit a poster, an essay, or both.
2. Poster entries must be in **PORTRAIT** (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.

**YES**  
Use  
portrait  
format

**NO**  
Do not use  
landscape format
3. Essay entries should be at least 100 words, but not more than 200 words in length.
4. EACH entry (poster or essay) must have an official entry form attached. Entry form may be reproduced as necessary. The questions on the entry form must be answered in the space provided and each entry must have the signature of the teacher submitting it.
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 Contest Coordinator**  
**1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 112 West**  
**Austin, TX 78723-1093**
7. All entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2011.
8. Decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be announced February 21, 2011. Winner's information can be obtained on TWUA website at <http://www.twua.org/dates.php> under announcements.
9. Entries become the property of the Texas Water Utilities Association and cannot be returned or acknowledged. However, the select winners will receive their winning entries for a school display.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** The Public Education Committee will base their judging on the following criteria: originality of idea, originality of design, research and study exemplified neatness and skill of execution.