

**COMPETITION FOR MAINE STUDENTS
WHY WATER'S WORTH IT TO ME!**



In 1983 the Maine Legislature made provisions to designate the first full week of June as Maine Clean Water Week. Maine Clean Water Week was created to increase the public's awareness of the improvements made in the quality of Maine's waterways. One of the primary reasons our waterways have so greatly improved is due to the hard work of Maine's collection system and wastewater treatment plant professionals.

The Maine Water Environment Association (MEWEA) is a nonprofit organization whose goals include: promoting education and communication within the wastewater treatment industry and to the general public; supporting a balanced view of environmental policies; and enhancing the image of wastewater personnel.

In celebration of 2024 Maine Clean Water Week, the Maine Water Environment Association is again sponsoring a poster competition for Maine students. Recent years have been a tremendous success and we have received over 500 posters which are judged for creativity, delivering a strong message, and connecting with the Association's mission.

The theme of the competition is **"WHY WATER'S WORTH IT TO ME!"**
ME meaning YOU and Maine

Prizes will be awarded for the top poster for each age group and recognition for the top three posters in each age group.

Grades 1-3
Grades 4-6

Grades 7-8
Grades 9-12

In addition, the winning students' schools will receive recognition. The winners will be honored at the Maine Water Environment Association 2024 Fall Convention, at the Maine State House, or at a school assembly.

Thank you,

Alex Buechner
Maine Water Environment Association

2024 MAINE CLEAN WATER WEEK POSTER CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE
Maine Water Environment Association



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FIRST PRIZE Grades 1-3: Winning Student: \$100.00 Cash
FIRST PRIZE Grades 4-6: Winning Student: \$100.00 Cash
FIRST PRIZE Grades 7-8: Winning Student: \$100.00 Cash
FIRST PRIZE Grades 9-12: Winning Student: \$100.00 Cash

Who can submit a poster? Any student in Maine School Grades 1-12.

What do you submit? A poster no larger than 22" x 28" in a horizontal format, which illustrates what clean water means to you or why you think clean water is important to the State of Maine (ME). Use crayons, marker, paints or another format. (*tip: Colorful posters are judges favorites!*)

When is your poster due? All posters must be received by MEWEA by March 22, 2024

Where do I send my poster?

Send or deliver posters to:
C/O MEWEA Clean Water Week Contest 2023
Maine Water Utilities Association
15 University Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Questions?

Visit www.mewea.org or contact Alex Buechner at alex.buechner@biddefordmaine.org

IMPORTANT!!

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO COMPLETE THE PROVIDED CONTEST ENTRY FORM AND ATTACH IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER. ALL POSTERS SUBMITTED BECOME PROPERTY OF MEWEA, AND THE DECISION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IS FINAL.



Clean Water Week Poster Contest Entry Form

Please print legibly and attach this form to the back of your poster.

Student Name:	
School:	
Grade:	
Student/Parent Email:	
Teacher Name:	
Teacher Email:	

Please note that your email address will only be used for correspondence regarding the Clean Water Week Poster Contest.

We will be using the provided student/parent and teacher emails to keep you informed on the status of the contest, and to reach out to winners and runners up to obtain mailing addresses for mailing winning prize checks and copies of the calendar.

If you prefer a different method of contact, please provide on the form in place of an email address.