

# Contest Rules & Instructions

## **The Power of Water!**

This year's theme will focus on The Power of Water! The idea behind this year's contest is for students to learn about the power of water and the importance of conservation. The four main ideas for this year's contest are:

-  The Power of Transformation
-  Water Uses
-  The Power to Influence
-  The Importance of Conservation

*For an overview of this year's program, including discussion topic suggestions and poster suggestions, please refer to the Teaching Materials by [clicking here](#).*

### Eligibility

The program is open to any public, private, or home school student from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, who is attending a school in Pasco County, Florida. To participate, teachers must register on their students' behalf during the open registration period. Parents of home-schooled or digital learners may also register [here](#).

### Entries

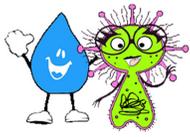
Submitted entries must meet the following criteria to be eligible for judging:

- Poster is designed on 11" x 14" poster-size paper.
- Contains a completed label with each student's information.
- Contains a "Drippy" or "Amie Ba" sticker.
- One entry per student.

Labels and stickers will be provided via mail after the applicant registers. Please note that only one entry will be accepted per student. **Additional entries and group entries will be disqualified.** Please avoid setting this up as a group activity within your class.

### Content

Posters should display original ideas that reflect the current year's theme of the program. Students are encouraged to use large lettering, bold colors, and heavy lines that will be easily visible from a distance. Reproductions of the winning posters will be put on public display. Any poster that is not suitable for public display will be disqualified.



## Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Media

Acceptable Media	Non-Acceptable Media
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crayons</li> <li>• Watercolor</li> <li>• Poster Paint</li> <li>• Markers</li> <li>• Ink</li> <li>• Colored pencils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-D pieces, glitter, stickers, and cut paper (anything that cannot be scanned)</li> <li>• Copyrighted materials, such as popular cartoons.</li> <li>• Offensive or distasteful content</li> </ul>

*A rubric has been included in each teacher packet to help you and your students gauge the quality of work.*

## How to Participate

In order to participate, be sure to complete a registration form on our website [by clicking here](#). Once you've registered, we'll be mailing you a packet full of materials for you and your class that go along with the program. While you're waiting for these materials, we recommend that you check out the teaching resources on our website and build a lesson plan. Also, be sure to check our website for updates and cool prizes that will be announced during the program.

Once you receive your packet of materials, you're ready to begin building your posters. Your materials will include stickers that can be used on the posters, worksheets to assist you with teaching the topic, a rubric to assist you and your class with the poster design, and labels for when the posters are ready to be returned.

Once the posters are completed, be sure to return them to us by the deadline, **Friday, April 16, 2021**.

### Things You'll Need

- Packet materials (This will be mailed to you)
- 11" x 14" poster-size paper or similar size for each student.
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, or other drawing utensils.
- Class roster of all students participating.
- List of any students who have been opted out of media releases.

### Helpful Tips

- Use the rubric to your advantage.
- Remember that group projects do not get prizes – set it up as an individual exercise.
- Return ALL posters – even incomplete ones get recognized!
- Be sure to focus on the theme and main ideas when having the students draw.
- Use the labels provided when returning your posters.
- Worksheets do not need to be returned.



## Presentations

In the past, teachers had an option to request FGUA or Pasco County Utilities staff to come and speak to their class when they complete the online registration form. These presentations can be used as a way to expand upon your existing lesson plan and discuss topics related to the theme for this year's program. Due to COVID-19, teachers requesting a presentation may sign up for a virtual presentation. An applicant's interest in a presentation will not impact the judging in the contest in any way and is strictly optional.

While we try our best to accommodate as many schools as possible with this piece of the program, we cannot guarantee that every request for a presentation will be fulfilled. Requests are typically prioritized by class-size and staff availability on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you indicated an interest in a virtual presentation and our staff have availability, someone will contact you separately to schedule the presentation.

Presentation requests will be fulfilled up until the submission deadline on **Friday, April 16, 2020**.

## Returning Posters

Posters should be returned by District courier before **Friday, April 16, 2021**. In order to allow ample time for processing for preliminary and final judging. Posters should be clipped together with a completed return form (included in your packet) and sent through the courier service with attention to: **Pasco County Schools Communications Department, ATTN: Debbie Hebert, Re: Water Awareness Poster Contest**

Or directly to the FGUA at:

FGUA  
c/o: Patti Clark  
FGUA Community Services Assistant  
6915 Perrine Ranch Road  
New Port Richey, FL 34655

In addition, it is **very important** that we receive a class roster for your class before we can process your posters. Rosters should be attached and submitted with the posters when taken to the District Office. The roster should indicate any student who has been opted out of a media release since the FGUA and Pasco County Utilities will be publishing the names of any winners and will be coming back to the schools to congratulate any winners and present them with prizes.

For **private schools** or **home schools** that are participating, please mail your posters directly to the FGUA Pasco Office. The mailing address is: FGUA c/o: Patti Clark, FGUA Community Service Assistant, 6915 Perrine Ranch Road, New Port Richey, FL 34655.



## Winning



Returned posters that meet the requirements of the program will go through several rounds of judging in April. Judges will evaluate each submission based on the rubric. From there, the finalists from each grade level will proceed to the Final Judging Panel that will consist of FGUA and Pasco County Utilities senior management, and guest judges from local non-profits. The Final Judging Panel will select the first, second, and third place winner from each grade level, as well as honorable mentions.

Check back on this website to find information about the winners and updates throughout the program under our [News section](#). If any of your students were selected for first, second, or third place for their grade level, we will contact you to setup an award presentation/drop off. Winning posters will be on display for this summer at the West Pasco Government Center and East Pasco Government Center. Teachers and parents are encouraged to visit the display to see the displayed posters.

## Deadlines & Important Time Frames:

**Last Day to Mail Posters: Friday, April 16, 2021**

Final Judging: April 2021

Winners Announced: May 2021

Education Presentations: February – April 2021

Award Distribution and Posters on Display: May 2021 – Summer 2021

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Patti Clark at (727) 372-0115 ext 1024, or by email at [info@watercontest.org](mailto:info@watercontest.org).