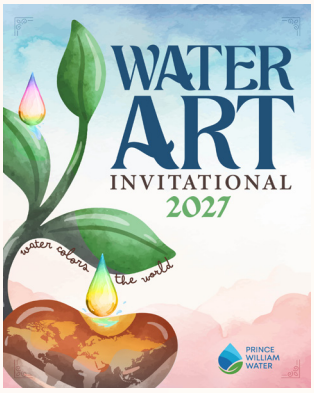
PRINCE WILLIAM WATER

WATER ART INVITATIONAL 2027

RULES & ENTRY FORM

STUDENT NAME:		PRONOUNS:	DATE:
ADDRESS:			
CONTACT PHONE:		EMAIL:	
GRADE LEVEL:	SCHOOL:	TEACHER:	



2027 THEME: WATER COLORS THE WORLD

From the radiance of a rainbow to the depths of the deep blue sea, Water Colors the World in so many different ways.

ARTWORK SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027 BY 4PM

AWARDS CEREMONY:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2027
C.D. HYLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Entries and forms must be brought to Prince William Water,
4 County Complex Court, Wooodbridge VA, 22192 by the **Jan. 29 deadline**.

All students grades 9-12 who are currently enrolled in public, private or home schools in Prince William County are eligible to participate. All submitted artwork must exhibit images reflecting this year's theme of Water Colors the World. No entries depicting bottled water will be accepted.

OWNERSHIP & RETURN OF WINNING AND NON-WINNING ARTWORK:

1. Winning artwork becomes the property of Prince William Water, without exception. These pieces will be framed and hung in Prince William Water facilities and featured in next year's Water Art Invitational calendar.

2. Non-winning artwork will be returned to the student/teacher in the weeks following the Awards Ceremony.

PHOTO & VIDEO USE:

Prince William Water proudly displays and publishes photos and videos related to each year's Water Art Invitational (WAI). Each entrant and parent/guardian must grant permission as deemed appropriate. Please complete the Prince William Water Photo & Video Consent Form.

RULES, ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the information at the top of this form and the appropriate section of the Prince William Water Photo & Video Use Consent Form. A separate 2027 Rules & Entry Form and Prince William Water Photo & Video Use Consent Form must be submitted with each artwork entry.

2. Complete and tape an official WAI 2027 Entry Label to the BACK, LOWER RIGHT CORNER of each artwork entry and include a photograph of the artwork with the application to ensure proper identification.

3. Bring your physical artwork to Prince William Water, 4 County Complex Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192, with the photo and registration forms. All artwork must be matted!

4. Students may only submit ONE entry per category.

5. Students and teachers must sign and return the 2027 Artwork Authenticity Pledge. Artwork that is found to be in violation of our authenticity rules before judging will be disqualified from winning. Artwork that is found to be in violation of our authenticity rules after the judging period will be removed from display and marketing materials.

6. Representatives of Prince William Water may request to see references used in creation of art, progress photographs/screenshots of submissions, layer files of digital artwork, brushpacks and/or texture packs used in digital artwork, and metadata of photography/photo references for the purposes of determining authenticity of submitted artwork as outlined in the Artwork Authenticity Pledge.

7. Prince William Water reserves the right to only accept artwork that is tasteful and does not depict violent, sexual or demeaning content.

ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS PER CATEGORY

Painting/Drawing: Render an original painting of a subject using acrylic, watercolor, tempera, oil, pastel chalk, charcoal, colored pencils or any combination of these, on canvas, paper, primed paper or board, in a maximum size of 34”x 30”, excluding the mat. All paintings and drawings must be original artwork. Paintings and drawings may not be a direct copy of art created by another person (including but not limited to paintings, drawings, computer graphics, or photography). Use of references is allowed, but the composition of the finished artwork should be the artist’s own, and no single reference should predominate the art (aside from photographs taken by the artist). The finished work, stretched canvases excluded, must be matted, no framing.

Photography: Prince William Water accepts two photographic modes: color and black & white. For color images, the goal is to replicate what the human eye experiences. Routine image correction for color toning, white balance and exposure is acceptable. Digital manipulation or alteration of content, manufactured photo illustrations, double exposures, in-camera multiple exposures, added masks, borders, backgrounds, text, handwritten notes or other artistic effects are all prohibited. Photos must be matted, but not framed. The maximum size is 34” x 30”.

Computer Graphics: Entries must be submitted as color prints on paper, in a maximum size of 34”x 30”, excluding the mat. Computer graphics may not be a direct copy of art created by another person (including but not limited to paintings, drawings, computer graphics, or photography). Use of references is allowed, but the composition of the finished artwork should be the artist’s own, and no single reference should predominate the art (aside from photographs taken by the artist). Any brushes, textures, photographs, or other components of the artwork which are clearly visible or identifiable must be created by the artist. The use of AI image generators or AI-assisted editing is prohibited. The finished work must be matted, no framing.

AWARDS

Joyce P. Eagles Grand Prize: One Grand Prize winner, encompassing all categories, will be awarded in the amount of $1,000 to the student whose entry best captures the depiction of the WAI 2027 theme and displays outstanding artistic ability.

Category Prizes: Prizes will be awarded for 1st ($800), 2nd ($600) and 3rd ($400) place student winners in each category.

General Manager Awards: Prince William Water General Manager may select non-winning artwork to be meritorious. GM Awards are $200 each.

Teacher Prizes: Teachers of winning students will receive a prize relative to the winning place of their student. If a teacher has more than one winning student, the teacher receives the prize relative to the highest level of their winning students rather than a cumulative total. Note: SPARK - The Education Foundation of Prince William County Public Schools will distribute and allocate all teacher monies and prizes (as determined by Prince William Water) for teacher winners employed by PWCS. Any other non-PWCS teacher winners will receive monies and prizes issued directly by Prince William Water.

For more information about the Water Art Invitational 2027 or to download forms, please visit **princewilliamwater.org/water-art-invitational**.

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ARTWORK AUTHENTICITY PLEDGE

All artwork submitted for the 2027 Water Art Invitational must be an original creation. Though inspiration can be taken from images or other works, the final piece must be entirely your own work and design. All pieces are subject to image searches by Prince William Water and your teacher. If any work is found by either party before judging to be a recreation of an existing piece, it will not be eligible to win an award. If any work is found by either party to be a recreation of an existing piece after awards have been distributed, it will be removed from display and future marketing materials.

All submissions must have a signed authenticity pledge.

As the artist of this piece, I certify that the images depicted are of my own design and creation. I understand if my artwork is found to be in violation of this pledge, it will be ineligible to win an award and will be removed from the competition. The piece I am submitting does not make use of any pre-existing media and reflects my unique vision of the 2027 theme "Water Colors the World".

As the teacher of this artist, I certify that I have verified all depicted images are of the student's own design and creation. I understand if this artwork is found to be in violation of this pledge, it will be ineligible to win an award and will be removed from the competition.

STUDENT NAME: ..... TEACHER NAME: .....

SIGNATURE: ..... SIGNATURE: .....

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PRINCE WILLIAM WATER PHOTO & VIDEO USE CONSENT FORM

DIRECTIONS: This form must be completed and submitted, along with the Water Art Invitational 2027 Rules and Entry Form, with each submission. If the student is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must complete and sign in the **"Minor Child"** section below. For students aged 18 and older, please complete and sign the **"Adult"** section only.

ONLY ONE SECTION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED, DEPENDING UPON THE AGE OF THE STUDENT

ADULT: FOR STUDENTS AGES 18+ ONLY

SELECT ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER FORM:

- ☐ PAINTING/DRAWING
- ☐ PHOTOGRAPHY
- ☐ COMPUTER GRAPHICS

I, (print full name) ..... , being eighteen (18) years of age or over, hereby grant permission to Prince William Water to interview, photograph, and/ or videotape me; and/or to supervise any others who may perform the interview, photography, and/ or videotaping; and/or to use and/or permit others to use information from the aforementioned interview and/or the aforementioned images in educational or promotional activities giving attribution to me by name, at the sole discretion of Prince William Water, for the following without compensation:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ☐ PUBLICATIONS/VIDEOS
- ☐ ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING (E.G., INTERNET)
- ☐ PROMOTION/ADVERTISING
- ☐ LOCAL/REGIONAL/NATIONAL NEWS MEDIA

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MINOR CHILD: FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN OF STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

PRINTED STUDENT NAME: .....

STUDENT SIGNATURE: .....

DATE SIGNED: .....

SELECT ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER FORM:

- ☐ PAINTING/DRAWING
- ☐ PHOTOGRAPHY
- ☐ COMPUTER GRAPHICS

I, (Parent/Guardian name) .....

hereby grant permission to Prince William Water to interview, photograph and/or videotape my minor child, (Student name), ... and/or to supervise any others who may do the interview, photography and/or videotaping; and/or to use and/or permit others to use information from the aforementioned interview and/or the aforementioned images in educational and promotional activities giving attribution to me by name, at the sole discretion of Prince William Water, for the following without compensation:

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PRINTED PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: .....

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: .....

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: .....

DATE SIGNED: .....

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REQUIRED PARAGRAPH

Please use this section to submit your required paragraph describing how for your artwork fits the theme of Water Colors the World. You must submit a typed paragraph using a 12-point font for each artwork submission. Only one submission is allowed per category.

WAI 2027 SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

(Please use this checklist to assist you in ensuring that you have submitted the required paperwork and documentation).

- ☐ Completed Rules & Entry Form
- ☐ Completed Photo & Video Use Consent Form
  - Category is selected
  - Form is signed with parent permission (if applicable)
- ☐ Entry Label attached to back of artwork with category selected
- ☐ Photo of artwork attached to application
- ☐ Required paragraph submitted with artwork
  - Paragraph is typed
  - 12-point font is used
  - Paragraph is 3-5 sentences
- ☐ Completed Artwork Authenticity Pledge

Please fill out one entry label per artwork. Labels must be attached to the BACK, LOWER RIGHT corner of each artwork entry.

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DIRECTIONS: Complete each field in the label below, remove from this packet and attach to the **BACK, LOWER RIGHT CORNER** of your entry. Each piece you enter requires its own label.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ **School:** _____

Teacher: _____

Artwork Orientation:

- ☐ Portrait
- ☐ Landscape

Category: (Select One)

- ☐ Painting/Drawing
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Computer Graphics

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

1. **What is the WAI theme for 2027?**
   Water Colors the World.
2. **May I participate in the WAI if I attend a home school?**
   Yes, high school students enrolled in public, private, or home schools located within Prince William County are eligible to participate in the WAI.
3. **May I partner with another student and submit artwork to the WAI?**
   No, group projects are not accepted. Artwork submission is limited to one student per piece.
4. **May I enter artwork in each category?**
   Yes, students may submit one entry per artwork category for a total of three entries.
5. **Will I keep my artwork?**
   Students who do not win a category or General Manager's Award will receive their artwork back. Teachers are notified about artwork pickup following the WAI Awards Ceremony. Category and General Manager's Award-winning artwork will be framed and displayed permanently in Prince William Water buildings.
6. **May I depict water bottles in my artwork submission?**
   Artwork depicting commercially bottled water, whether displayed in a favorable or unfavorable manner, will not be accepted.
7. **May I use words in my artwork submission?**
   The use of words in your artwork is strongly discouraged and may impact the judges' scores. The theme should be portrayed through images instead of words.
8. **Does Prince William Water have representatives to speak to my class or group regarding the WAI?**
   Yes, Prince William Water prefers to speak to your classroom regarding the WAI to answer specific questions that the teacher and/or students may have. In years past, we have found that these brief presentations are valuable in addressing artwork questions for the students. If you are interested in having someone speak to your class or homeschool group, please register at the sign up link found at **princewilliamwater.org/water-art-invitational** or email **outreach@pwwater.org.**