



# ART & POETRY CONTEST

Use your artistic skills to share a message of environmental stewardship through waste reduction!

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students (grades 3 - 12) enrolled in a City rec center, school, or homeschooled within City limits (verify with school list on page 2 to confirm).

## PROGRAM RULES

Only **one entry** per student.

Submissions must be original work and reflect a **Waste Reduction** theme.

Wow us, get creative with new concepts! Avoid cliches and past entries. Submissions that use AI or that do not meet requirements will be disqualified.

## HOW TO SUBMIT?

By mail or drop-off (in full size envelope without folding)

Attn: Recycling Coordinator  
4010 W Spruce Street Tampa, FL 33607

Online (accepted file formats - pdf, jpg, png):  
**tampa.gov/3Rs**

Each submission must include the following information (on the back or email):

- Student's first and last name
- Title of submission
- Grade
- School or Rec. Center Name
- Guardian contact information
  - Mailing address
  - Email
  - Phone number

A winner will be selected from each of the following categories: Elementary, Middle and High School. The winning artwork will be displayed on a recycling collection truck for one year. The winning poetry pieces will be on display at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park for a year. Winners will receive additional prizes!

## ART

11 in.

8.5 in.

- 2D Landscape orientation (8.5 x 11 in.)
- Paper medium or graphic design
- No portrait orientation or sculptures accepted

## POETRY

- Typed or written (easy to read/ legible)
- Max length: 300 words, 1 page

## DATES

Deadline **Friday, February 6, 2026**  
(Postmarked or dropped off physically by 4pm. Online by 11:59pm)

Online voting **February 16-27, 2026**  
Winners notified in March



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Students from the following schools are eligible.  
Homeschooled students must live within City of Tampa limits.

Academy of the Holy Names  
Academy Prep Center of  
Tampa Middle  
Adams Middle  
Alexander Elementary  
Anderson Elementary  
B.T. Washington Elementary  
Ballast Point Elementary  
Bayshore Christian  
Witter Elementary  
Benito Middle  
BridgePrep Academy of Tampa  
Brooks Debartolo Collegiate  
Broward Elementary  
Carter G Woodson K-8  
Chamberlain High  
Channelside Academy of Math  
and Science  
Chiaramonte Elementary  
Chiles Elementary  
Christ the King Catholic School  
Clark Elementary  
Cleveland Elementary  
Coleman Middle  
Community Charter Schools  
of Excellence  
Creative World School  
Crestwood Elementary  
DeSoto Elementary  
Dunbar Elementary  
East Tampa Academy Elementary  
Edison Elementary  
Elite Scholar Academy  
Family of Christ Christian School  
Ferrell Girls Preparatory Academy  
Foster Elementary  
Franklin Boys Preparatory Academy  
Freedom High  
Gorrie Elementary  
Grady Elementary  
Heritage Elementary

Hillsborough High  
Holy Trinity Lutheran School  
Howard W. Blake High  
Hunter's Green Elementary  
Icon Preparatory School  
Impact Academy  
James Elementary  
Jefferson High  
Jesuit High  
Just Elementary  
Kimbell Elementary  
Lanier Elementary  
LaVoy Exceptional Center  
Legacy Preparatory  
Liberty Middle  
Lockhart Elementary  
LomaxElementary  
Mabry Elementary  
MacFarlene Park Elementary  
Madison Middle  
Memorial Middle  
Mendenhall Elementary  
Mendez Exceptional Center  
Middleton High  
Middleton Middle  
Mitchell Elementary  
Monroe Middle  
Montessori Academy of South Tampa  
Montessori Beach Park School  
MOSI Partnership School  
New Spring School  
Oak Grove Elementary  
Orange Grove Middle Magnet  
Patricia J. Sullivan Partnership School  
Pepin K-12  
Phillip Shore Elementary  
Pierce Middle  
Pizzo K-8  
H.B. Plant High  
Potter Elementary  
Robinson High



Roland Park K-8  
Roosevelt Elementary  
Sam Rampello Downtown  
Partnership School  
Seminole Elementary  
Shaw Elementary  
Sheehy Elementary  
Sligh Middle Magnet  
St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School  
St. Joseph Catholic School  
St. Mary's Episcopal Day School  
Stewart Middle Magnet  
Sulphur Springs Community School  
Tampa Bay Blvd. Elementary  
Tampa Bay Christian Academy  
Tampa Catholic High  
Tampa Palms Elementary  
Tampa Preparatory School  
The Broach School  
Trinity School for Children  
Village of Excellence Academy  
Walton Academy for the  
Performing Arts  
West Tampa Elementary  
Westshore Elementary  
Williams Middle  
Woodrow Wilson Middle  
Young Middle Magnet



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