



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.

Adum K-8
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
Jesus 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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