



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.

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 **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**
(Postmarked or dropped off physically by 4pm. Online by 11:59pm)

Online voting **March 2-13, 2026**
Winners notified in March



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