

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
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**ANNUAL POSTER AND POETRY CONTESTS
CHALLENGE STUDENTS TO CONSERVE TO PRESERVE**

Deadline for Water Conservation Week contests is March 1

HONOLULU – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is seeking entries for its 2017 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests. The deadline for both contests is Wednesday, March 1, 2017. These annual contests focus on educating Oahu’s students about the significance of water conservation and what they can do to help preserve our limited resources.

“Over time, these yearly contests are helping to develop tomorrow’s leaders who embrace a water-smart lifestyle and, in doing so, contribute to a sustainable future for the City and County of Honolulu,” said Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

The 39th annual poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades K-6, while the 9th annual poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7-12. The 2017 contest theme, “Conserve to Preserve,” invites Oahu students to creatively express the importance of conserving water now to preserve our water supply for the future.

“We are pleased to offer Oahu’s youth the chance to exhibit their drawing and writing skills as they share their thoughts on how all of us can help protect our island’s precious water resources,” said BWS Chair Bryan Andaya.

BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau stated, “Each year, we look forward to reviewing and judging the numerous contests’ entries we receive as they reflect much thought and effort from each student on the vital topic of water conservation. Meanwhile, students learn that making small changes in their daily habits can ensure that our groundwater supply continues to meet our needs for generations to come.”

Students entering the poster contest should submit one original piece of artwork that expresses the theme on a 12 x 18-inch sheet of paper. Any art medium can be used except 3-dimensional work, chalk, charcoal, and oil-based crayons.

Students entering the poetry contest should submit one original poem, typed on a standard 8½ x 11-inch letter size paper. The poem must also reflect the theme and be 150 words or less and no longer than 20 lines. Any form of poetry is acceptable.



Entries must be submitted with a completed entry form by **March 1, 2017**, to the BWS's Communications Office at 630 South Beretania Street, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or to any Satellite City Hall on Oahu (except Hickam) during their normal business hours. The contest entry form, complete contest rules, and additional information are available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com or can be obtained by contacting the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041 or by email at contactus@hbws.org.

The winning and honorable mention posters and poems will be showcased at different venues across the island in 2017, as well as featured in the 2018 Water Conservation Calendar, which will be made available to the public at the end of the year. In May, the winning students will be recognized at a special ceremony and presented with awards.

The BWS would like to thank the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, Hard Rock Café, Times Supermarkets, Sodexo, Hawaii Energy, Alexander and Baldwin, Pasha Hawaii, the BWS Federal Credit Union and Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union for their generous sponsorship of these contests.

About the Board of Water Supply

The Board of Water Supply (BWS), a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, manages Oahu's municipal water resources and distribution system. As the largest water utility in the State, the BWS serves approximately one million customers on Oahu. The BWS embraces its mission of "Water for Life – Ka Wai Ola"—to provide a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply, now and into the future. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – "When the heavens weep, the earth lives." For more information about the BWS, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com, follow [@BWSHonolulu](https://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu) or like the BWS's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>.

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