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New York American Water Hosts Art Contest for Local Elementary School Students

Fifth Graders Can Submit Their Artwork by April 13, 2018

MERRICK, N.Y. (February 14, 2018)—New York American Water is hosting its annual [“Be Water Wise!”](#) art contest for local elementary school students within their service territory. Students are encouraged to participate in the art contest and submit their drawings by the April 13, 2018 deadline. The project provides fifth grade students with the opportunity to express themselves creatively and learn more about the importance of conserving water—New York’s most precious natural resource.

“The art contest is such a great way to highlight the importance of using water wisely while giving students the opportunity to showcase their creativity,” said Carmen Tierno, president of New York American Water. “We look forward to receiving art entries from students throughout our service territory and continuing the fun tradition that has engaged the community for the past several years.”

The contest winners, which will be announced in May, will be awarded for their artistic talents, creativity and success in conveying a water conservation theme. Winners will receive American Express gift cards: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. All other participants will receive a certificate from New York American Water and a “Be Water Be Wise” reusable water bottle.

For entry, art submissions must:

- Come from a fifth grade student
- Embrace the importance of water conservation
- Must be the student’s original work, on standard white paper, should not exceed 11”x17” in size (8.5”x11” preferred) in an acceptable media such as paint, colored pencils, ink, markers or pastels.
- Be completed, postmarked or received by April 13, 2018
- All submissions must be sent to:
New York American Water
Attn: Be Water Wise! Art Contest
60 Brooklyn Ave.
Merrick, NY 11566,

If a student or educator has questions about the program, they may contact Rose Simpson at rose.simpson@amwater.com.

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