

River of Words[®] Contest Entry Form



CONTEST DEADLINE:

U.S. entries must be postmarked by December 1st! International entries must be received by February 1st!

FACILITATOR FORM (to be submitted with group entries)

This form *must* accompany all group entries, whether your group is a school classroom, scout troop, after-school program, nature center, museum, library or any other group that produced a set of entries for the River of Words contest. If you lead a group in River of Words activities, please complete this form and submit it with the art and poetry entries from your group. You also must complete a class or group list to include and staple to the back of this form. For details about the Class List, see the Contest Rules and Guidelines

Please note that *every* participant in your group should also complete his or her own group contest entry form, which can be found online at www.stmarys-ca.edu/cel. All entries, contest entry forms, and this facilitator form should be sent in one package to:

River of Words Contest • 1928 St. Mary's Road, PMB Box 5060 • Moraga, CA 94575 • USA

School or Organization Name: _____ Date _____

School/Org Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

School/Org Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Educator/Facilitator(s) First and Last Names and email addresses:

Name:

Email:

Total # of Contest Entrants: _____ Grade Level of Contest Entrants: _____

Total # of Art Entries Submitted: _____ Total # of Poetry Entries Submitted: _____

Last Day of Classes (M/D/Y): _____

Please attach a typed list of all group participants

RIVER OF WORDS CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to K through 12th grade enrolled students, ages 5-19. Youth older than 19 who are still enrolled in high school are eligible.
2. Youth may enter the contest as many times as they like. **Teachers/Facilitators should submit all the Group entries from their classes together. Every group entry MUST include a Facilitator Form (completed by the facilitator) and a class list.** Please note: Students names only need to be posted on the list once, even if the student submits multiple entries. Class lists also do not need to be split into art and poetry sections.
3. All entrants will be acknowledged with a Watershed Explorer Certificate.
4. All poems must be original work. Physical poetry submissions must be either typed or legibly written in ink (not pencil) and mailed with a completed Paper Entry Form. **One Paper Entry Form per poem.** When mailed, poems and their Paper Entry Forms should be attached back-to-back, glued, taped or printed double sided. No staples or paperclips. ASL poetry must be submitted on DVD and mailed. **Poems should not exceed 32 lines in length (written) or 3 minutes (signed).** For ASL poetry, please include a brief written summary of the poem's content, and glue or staple this summary to your entry form. Collaborative poems are accepted, but only one child (chosen as the group representative) will be eligible for any prizes awarded. *We are only able to accept poems in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.*
5. All artwork must be original work. **Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size-no exceptions.** Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage and computer art. (Photo entries must be at least 8x10 inches.) **All art entries must be mailed.** All entries must have the student's name, school, city and state **on the back** — do not use a marker or anything that will show through! A completed **Paper Entry Form** or **Email Confirmation of a Online Entry Form** must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork with glue or tape (be careful not to run damage the artwork) — do not use paperclips or staples! **We do not accept color copies—all entries must be original work.**
6. Art entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, no notebook or typing paper, and **do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold artwork.** Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!
7. Submissions become property of River of Words. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted which will not be returned.
8. **DEADLINE: All U.S. entries must be postmarked by December 1. International entries must be received by February 1.** We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Entries received after the deadline will be automatically entered in next year's contest.
9. Winners will be announced in April of each year.* Winners must sign an acceptance form.

**River of Words reserves the right to not award a Grand Prize winner in any given category if no entry merits such designation.*