

# DROP SAVERS CONTEST

## **Entry form and rules**

#### Purpose of the Program

The 2026 Drop Savers Water Conservation Art Contest encourages students to learn about the importance of saving water and to express that message creatively through original artwork. This program supports environmental education and empowers students to become water stewards in their homes, schools and community.

#### **About the Contest**

Students in grades K-12, who live or go to school in Toho Water Authority's service area are invited to create an original drawing, slogan or a combination of both to promote water conservation. Winning entries will be recognized by Toho Water and may advance to the statewide contest hosted by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA).

#### Submission Deadline

All artwork must be submitted by Friday, February 6, 2026.

#### **Questions?**

www.tohowater.com/drop-savers-calendar-contest (407) 944-5123 | calendarcontest@tohowater.com

### ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

#### **Format**

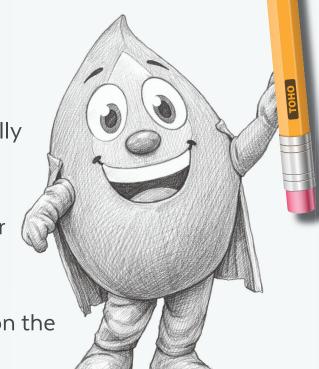
- Artwork must be submitted on 8.5" × 11" white paper
- Portrait or landscape orientation is acceptable
- Digital artwork is permitted if sized to 8.5" × 11"

#### **Accepted Mediums**

- · Crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint
- Photography or digital illustration (must be original work)
- · All text and slogans must be clear and easy to read
- · Highlighters are not recommended

#### Originality

- Artwork must be created individually by the student
- No copyrighted characters, logos or traced images
- Student's name must not appear on the front of the artwork



#### **Contest Rules**

- Students must work individually
- Artwork must clearly communicate a water conservation message
- A completed entry form must be attached to the back of each submission
- By submitting artwork, students and families grant Toho Water permission to use entries for educational and promotional purposes without further permission or additional compensation
- Submissions that do not meet guidelines may be disqualified

#### **Grade Divisions**

- Division 1: Kindergarten Grade 1
- Division 2: Grades 2 3
- Division 3: Grades 4 5
- Division 4: Grades 6 8
- Division 5: Grades 9 12

#### **Judging Criteria**

- Creativity
- Originality
- Clarity of the water conservation message
- Overall visual impact

#### How to Submit Artwork

Artwork may be dropped off at Toho Water's Administration Building.

Alternatively, Toho Water will coordinate pickup of artwork from participating schools **by request**. Email calendarcontest@tohowater.com to coordinate pickup date and time. Teachers should:

- Ensure completed entry form is filled out correctly
- Package artwork and label for Toho Water for pickup from the front desk of your school by Monday, February 9, 2026

Digital submissions may be sent to calendarcontest@tohowater.com

#### **Local Recognition**

- · Winners are selected from each grade division
- 12–14 entries featured in the annual Toho Water Drop Savers calendar
- Winners will be recognized at the Toho Water April Board Meeting
- Winners will be announced on social media in the beginning of March and will be notified by email to the parent/guardian on the entry form
- Grand prize winner's school receives \$500 in art supplies
- School with the most entries receives \$250 in art supplies
- Local division winners may advance to the FSAWWA statewide contest

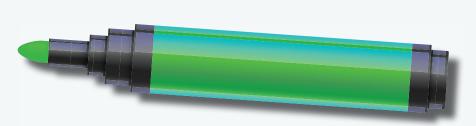
### EXAMPLES OF WATER-SAVING

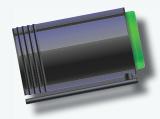
#### Inside the Home

- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth
- Take shorter showers
- Fix leaking faucets and toilets
- Only run full loads in dishwashers or washing machines
- Keep drinking water chilled in the refrigerator instead of running the tap

#### **Outside the Home**

- Water lawns and plants during permitted hours
- Choose native or drought-tolerant landscaping
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using a hose
- Check irrigation systems for leaks
- Use a shut-off nozzle when washing cars





#### **Creative Prompts for Students**

- Design a character or symbol that encourages water saving
- · Illustrate a water-saving practice at home or school
- Show how saving water helps protect Florida's environment





### **ENTRY FORM**

Please write clearly.	Winners will be	notified t	hrough	parent/	guardiar
email address.					

Student Name:
Grade:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Phone:
Email:
School Name:
School Address:
Teacher Name:
Teacher Email:
Teacher Phone: