



Write-Off Contest



2020 Writing Program Theme:

What is Desalination?

CONTEST ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (Grades 6-8)

- This is a class-based project for students in **grades 6-8** and requires teacher facilitation. Students may work alone or in groups of no more than four.
- Students will author and illustrate a story about Groundwater (Brackish) Desalination intended for students in grades 3-5 students.
- Students will research and present an engaging story that includes:
 - A description of desalination (brackish groundwater desalination – **not** ocean desalination)
 - The process of desalination.
 - Why desalination is important.
- Students are encouraged to explore their creativity while developing an engaging story for elementary school students.
- All participating classrooms, submitting complete stories, will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party.
- Story requirements:
 - 500-1,000 words.
 - Written for grade 3-5 level.
 - Illustrated (students are encouraged to work in teams).
 - **Must include student biography, teacher biography, and student dedication.**
- Artwork and story text must be **SEPARATE** and submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper, for book design and publishing purposes.
- No trademarked or copyrighted artwork or materials will be accepted.
- The published story will be provided to elementary schools and libraries, and available as an eBook at www.emwd.org/eBooks.
- Story and illustrations become the property of EMWD & RCWD.
- Incomplete stories will be disqualified.
- For questions please contact Ailene Earl via email at earla@emwd.org, or call 951.928.3777, ext. 4350.
- Please submit stories by mail as follows:

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- Winning student(s) will have their story published, receive an **iPad mini or Chromebook**, copies of the book, a trophy, and will be honored at the 2020 Recognition event.
- Winning teacher(s) will receive a gift card, books, and will be honored at the 2020 Recognition event.
- Winning class will receive a free field trip to EMWD's desalination facility (Max 35 students)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, November 22, 2019.

