

Georgia River of Words® 2025 Facilitator Form



This form must accompany mail-in GROUP* entry packages with student forms attached to each entry
To submit entries electronically, please use the Online Entry Form, available at
ProjectWET.Georgia.gov.

*Facilitator-led ROW activities in school classrooms, scout troops, after-school programs, nature centers, museums, libraries, or any other groups that produce a set of entries for the River of Words contest.

CONTEST DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1st

FACILITATOR FORM INSTRUCTIONS (SUBMIT with your group entries)

If you led a group in River of Words activities, please complete this form and submit it with the package of art and poetry entries from your group. Also include a class or group list with names and grade levels and staple to the back of this form. For details on the Contest Rules and additional forms visit ProjectWET.Georgia.gov.

Please note that each entry must have a completed STUDENT contest entry form attached.

All mail-in entries, with attached contest Student forms, this Facilitator form and a participant list should be sent in a single set to:

GA River of Words, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1452 E, Atlanta, GA 30334

School or Organization Name: _____

School/Org Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

School/Org Phone: _____

Facilitator/Educator Name(s): _____

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): _____ (for returns)

Be sure to review updated contest rules, entry guidelines and the competition prompt at ProjectWET.Georgia.gov

Please attach a typed list of all group participants and grade levels



GEORGIA RIVER OF WORDS CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

Please carefully read the contest guidelines below, as there are some changes from previous years.

1. *River of Words*® (ROW) is a program of The Center for Environmental Literacy and a part of the Kalmanovitz School of Education, at Saint Mary's College of California. It is coordinated in Georgia by the Environmental Protection Division's Project WET program and the Georgia Center for the Book.
2. **All Georgia submissions are due by February 1, 2025.** We encourage those mailing entries to do so prior to this date to allow time for packages to arrive at our office by the contest deadline. We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Winners will be announced in April 2025
3. The contest is open to PreK–12th grade students, ages 5–19. Students must be enrolled in a school or homeschool program to be eligible. All entries must be submitted by a parent, guardian, educator, or facilitator unless the student is 18 years old or older. Entrants need not submit work through their school or organization; individual submissions are also accepted.
4. Participants may submit up to 5 entries for poetry and 5 entries for art (total of up to 10 entries). If more than 5 entries are submitted, we will only accept the first 5 as is. **If multiple poems or pieces of artwork are being submitted, then an entry form must be filled out for each submission.**
5. All entrants will be acknowledged with a Watershed Explorer Certificate.
6. **All poems must be original work.**
 - A. Poetry submissions must be either typed or legibly written in ink (not pencil) and mailed with a completed Entry Form. The second page of the Student Entry form titled "**PARENTAL CONSENT AND GRANT AND RELEASE OF SUBMISSION RIGHTS**" must be included with the entry.
 - B. **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.
 - C. Collaborative poems and artwork are accepted, but only one student (chosen as the group representative) will be eligible for any prizes awarded.
 - D. At this time, we are able to accept poems only in English and Spanish.
7. **All artwork must be original work.**
 - A. A completed entry form must also be affixed to the back of each piece of mailed artwork facing outward. Please attach the entry form with tape or other fixative, please do not use paperclips. The second page of the Student Entry form titled "**PARENTAL CONSENT AND GRANT AND RELEASE OF SUBMISSION RIGHTS**" must be included with the entry.
 - B. **Although online entries are accepted for the Georgia competition, any art that is selected as a national finalist, runner up, or grand prize winner MUST be mailed or delivered to the Atlanta River of Words office in order to be considered for national recognition regardless of medium. If the art is a digital piece, please have it printed. If selected for national recognition, the original artwork will not be returned, however a digital color copy will be available to the artist. You will be contacted by our office if your entry requires mailing or delivery.**
 - C. Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage, and computer art.
 - D. 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.
 - E. We do not accept mailed in color copies—all entries must be original work.
 - F. 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.
 - G. Entries should be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!
8. Revisions will not be accepted. Please make sure work is completed before submitting.
9. By submitting work of any kind to River of Words, you are granting, on behalf of yourself and the student, to River of Words all rights in the work, including but not limited to the right to publish, reproduce, perform, distribute and to include the work in the River of Words annual anthology, on River of Words websites, or in any other publications deemed appropriate by River of Words. Works submitted to River of Words cannot be submitted for other publications or competitions.
10. RiOW privacy policy: <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/centers-institutes/center-environmental-literacy/river-of-words/privacy-notice>