Georgia River of Words® 2021 Facilitator Form

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This form must accompany GROUP entry packages.
(for 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— *entry packages must be postmarked by 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 complete 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 in your group must be created by no more than one student and have a completed STUDENT contest entry form attached.

All entries with attached contest entry forms and this Facilitator form with a participant list should be sent in a single set to:
GA River of Words, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1462 E, Atlanta, GA 30334

School or Organization Name: _____

School/Org Address: _____City:_____ State:____ Zip_____

School/Org Phone: _____ Contact Name & Email (if different than below):_____

Facilitator/Educator Name(s):	Email:
_____	_____
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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)

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

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GEORGIA RIVER OF WORDS CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

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.

2. The contest is open to K through 12th grade students, ages 5-20. Students must be enrolled in school 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.

3. Students may enter the contest as many times as they like, but a separate entry form must be completed (front and back) for each submission. **For Group Entries**, educators must send all the entries together in one (or several, if needed) envelope or package along with this **Facilitator Form. Do not have each student mail his/her entry separately.** Every mailing of group entries should also contain a class list, listing the students' names and their grade levels.

4. All entrants will be acknowledged with a Watershed Explorer Certificate.

5. **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, and glue or staple this summary to your entry form.
   C. At this time, we are able to accept poems only in English and Spanish.

6. **All artwork must be original work.**
   A. A completed entry form must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork facing outward. Please attach the entry form with tape or other fixative (if using glue, be careful to use one that will not run through and damage the artwork) — also, 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. Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size-no exceptions.
   C. 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.)
   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 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 must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!

7. Submissions become property of Georgia 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.

8. **DEADLINE: All Georgia entries must be postmarked by February 1.** We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Entries mailed after the deadline will be returned to sender.

9. River of Words reserves the exclusive right to decide not to not hold contests, and in such case, also reserves the right not to return submitted work.

10. Winners will be announced in April of each year.

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

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