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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Entry Deadline Extended for Department of Water Supply's 3rd Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest

HILO, HAWAII – Big Island students attending kindergarten through the fifth grade have until Friday, April 30 to enter the 3rd Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest sponsored by the Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i.

DWS extended the deadline to give students more time to submit an original artwork expressing this year's theme of "***Do Your Part, Be Water Smart***" on a flat, 11- by 17-inch paper. Any medium may be used, except for three-dimensional renderings, chalk, charcoal and oil-based crayon. No computer graphics or photographs will be accepted. There is no charge to enter.

Each poster submission should be accompanied by a completed entry form available below, online at www.hawaiiidws.org, via email by contacting dws@hawaiiidws.org or by calling DWS weekdays at 961-8050. To reduce in-person contact due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, contest entries should be mailed to or dropped off in designed bins at DWS' offices in Hilo, Kona or Waimea. Address locations and additional contest rules are listed on the attached entry form and also online.

The free contest aims to highlight the importance of water conservation and why drinking water supplies must be protected and preserved. It challenges keiki to utilize artistic ways of conserving our most precious resource – safe drinking water. Conservation ideas, including the video "Save Water to Help the Earth," are posted under the "Conservation" link at www.hawaiiidws.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place entrants from each grade level K-5, as chosen by a panel of judges, for a maximum total of 12 winners island-wide. Winning entries will be announced at a future Water Board meeting.

Founded in 1949, the Department of Water Supply is a semi-autonomous agency of the County of Hawai'i whose mission is to provide customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water through the operation of its 23 separate water systems.

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... Water, Our Most Precious Resource... Ka Wai A Kāne...

The Department of Water Supply is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.



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County of Hawai'i DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY 3rd ANNUAL Keiki Water Conservation POSTER CONTEST



How to enter:

- 1 View "Save Water to Help the Earth" video under the "Conservation Resources" link at www.hawaiiidws.org.
- 2 Create your original artwork (see rules and guidelines below).
- 3 Fill out the attached entry form and submit poster by mailing or dropping off at a DWS office listed below by Friday, April 30, 2021.

2021 Contest Theme: *Do Your Part, Be Water Smart*

Who: **Open to all Hawai'i County K-5 students**

What: **11" x 17" Water Conservation Poster**

- Horizontal (landscape format), white poster paper.
- Any media except chalk, charcoal or oil-based crayon.
- Only original artwork (no computer graphics, photographs, 3-D objects) by a single individual (no collaborative work). Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- Please submit poster flat, not rolled.
- Student identification should be clearly listed on the back, bottom right corner of the poster, including **Full Name, School, Grade, and Teacher's Full Name**.
- Please complete the entry form (see back of flyer) and attach to each poster. If a teacher/parent is submitting multiple entries, only one form per grade is needed.
- Entries should focus on fresh drinking water (not ocean water or bottled water).



When: **By Friday, April 30, 2021**

Where: mail to or drop off at: **Department of Water Supply
345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720**

Entries may also be dropped off at DWS' offices in Kona and Waimea. See entry form for locations.

Why: **We all must protect our most precious resource - water**

- Let's learn to conserve our precious water resources for future generations.
- Water is essential for all life and is a limited resource that cannot be replaced.
- Water truly is our most precious resource!

Prizes will be awarded to the two top entries, as chosen by judges, from each grade level. The Department of Water Supply may reproduce winners' names and their entries, which will be announced at a future Water Board meeting. Posters will not be returned by the DWS. Posters may be picked up from DWS' Hilo Office after June 15, 2021. The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays, and is located at 345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20. Posters not picked up by July 30, 2021 will be discarded. For questions or more information, please contact DWS at (808) 961-8050, visit www.hawaiiidws.org or email dws@hawaiiidws.org.



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3rd ANNUAL
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ENTRY FORM

NEW DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

Please fill out the form completely

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

School Telephone No.: _____ Grade Level: _____

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about the contest? (Check all that apply.)

- School Principal
- Another Teacher
- DWS Website
- Social Media
- DOE Newsletter
- News Media
- Other (please specify): _____



Each poster should be clearly labeled on the back, bottom right corner with the student's FULL NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL, AND TEACHER'S FULL NAME.

By entering the DWS Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest, you agree to abide by the rules, including allowing DWS to reproduce winning entries and publicize results.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st place and 2nd place for each grade level, kindergarten through 5th grade, for a maximum of 12 winners island-wide.

Mail entries to DWS in Hilo or drop off at one of the following locations by Friday, April 30, 2021:

Department of Water Supply - Hilo Office
(mail or drop off)
345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Department of Water Supply - Waimea Office
(drop off only 8 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays)
65-1234 Opelo Road
Waimea, Hawai'i 96743

Department of Water Supply - Kona Office
(drop off only 8 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays)
78-6717 Māmalahoa Highway
Hōlualoa, Hawai'i 96725

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