

# ART Competition

**OMWA**  
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## **ONTARIO WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION AND ONTARIO MUNICIPAL WATER ASSOCIATION SECONDARY STUDENT VISUAL ART COMPETITION**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: APRIL 6, 2012**

70% of our earth's surface is made up of water. This might sound like a lot, but despite this number only about 2% of this is freshwater, and of that, less than 1% is actually accessible. The rest is trapped in glaciers and snowfields. Water is a finite resource, meaning that once it's used up, that's it!

Although Canada has the third largest renewable water supply in the world (after Brazil and Russia), it's more important than ever to embrace water conservation—after all, you as students, are the leaders of tomorrow!

As future leaders of tomorrow, we want **YOU**, a secondary school student in the Niagara region, to enter a Visual Art Competition. It is our hope that this will combine and encourage ongoing studies in both the sciences and the arts and encourage students to explore the themes of **water conservation and source water protection**.

Water conservation and source protection are the means by which we can ensure safe, sustainable and sufficient drinking water is available to all. Water conservation means utilizing water efficiently. Examples of conservation can include; turning the tap off while you brush your teeth, cutting back on the length of your shower, installing a rain barrel in your backyard—just to name a few! Source protection involves reducing or eliminating pollution of surface and groundwater to ensure that our drinking water is protected from potential contaminants and can provide a healthy supply of water now and in the future. In order to make sure we have enough clean water for drinking and other uses, we need to protect sources by managing the influences on them.

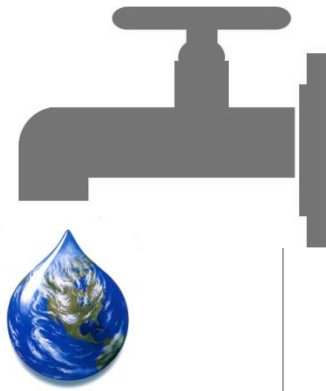
The Art Competition is open to all secondary students attending high schools in the Niagara region. Finalists will have their work displayed for the duration of the 2012 OWWA/OMWA Joint Annual Conference & OWWEA Trade Show and winners will be invited to attend the OWWA Awards Luncheon (along with a guardian) on Tuesday May 8, 2012 when prizes will be awarded.

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CONTEST RULES  
AND ATTACHED ENTRY FORM**

Helpful links:

- <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/> — good water conservation site filled with tips!
- <http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca> — more info on Source Water Protection in Niagara

# competition **RULES**



- THEME:** Protecting Water Sources; Water Conservation
- ART FORMS:** 2 dimensional visual or media art form or poster:
- Computer generated design
  - Freehand drawing or painting
  - Photography
- CATEGORIES:** 1) Grades 9 & 10  
2) Grades 11 & 12
- PRESENTATION FORMAT:** No larger than 22" x 28".  
Selected art works will be mounted on easels or poster boards near the Conference registration area at the Scotiabank Convention Centre.
- PRIZES:** **For each category: First: \$300; Second: \$150; Third: \$50.**  
First place winners with a guardian will be invited to attend the OWWA awards luncheon on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the OWWA/OMWA Joint Annual Conference to receive their prize.
- ARTIST STATEMENT:** Each artwork must be accompanied by a short (250 word limit) descriptive essay outlining what the artist is conveying in their work to their audience.
- APPLICATION FORM:** Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution and not violate any Canadian copyright laws. All entrants must complete and sign an entry form, attached hereto; and entrants under the age of 18 must have their parent/guardian or teacher sign their form. One entry per student will be accepted.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** A panel of judges representing the water industry from the host municipalities will be formed. The art work will be judged on the following elements:
- Ability to make appropriate connections to the theme
  - Application of the creative process
  - Visual appeal
  - Impact on the audience
- The winners will be notified in writing by the OWWA Local Arrangement Committee Chair.
- DISPLAY:** All submitted art works will be kept until the winners are selected. Pictures of all art works received will be taken and may be arranged for a slide show presentation at the 2012 OWWA/OMWA Joint Annual Conference & OWWEA Trade Show. The winners' original art pieces will be displayed at the conference. All art works will be returned to the students via the art teacher after the conference.
- SUBMISSION ADDRESS:** Niagara Region – Water and Wastewater Division  
ATTN: Kelsey Ewart  
3501 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1042  
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**OWWA/OMWA JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND  
OWWEA TRADE SHOW  
Scotiabank Convention Centre, May 6—9 2012  
SECONDARY STUDENT VISUAL ART COMPETITION**

**ENTRY FORM**

Name		Telephone
Address		
City	Postal Code	E mail
High School	Grade	High School Art Teacher
Title of Art Work		
Artist Statement, or on attached sheet (maximum 250 words)		
I have read the rules and parameters of the competition accompanying this form and submit my work under these conditions.		
Signed:		Date:
If under 18 of age, signature of parent/guardian:		Date:

**Submit by April 6, 2012 to:**

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SHOW SECONDARY STUDENT VISUAL ART COMPETITION**

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Grade	9/10	11/12
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