

TUCSON'S RIVER OF WORDS YOUTH POETRY AND ART CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

- ❖ *Tucson's River of Words* youth artists and poets are encouraged to express their understanding of watersheds and life cycles through original creations of poetry and visual art.
- ❖ The contest is open to youth who are 5–19 years old.
- ❖ Entries may be submitted at anytime throughout the year: **2013 contest entries must be postmarked or delivered in person by February 1, 2013.** *Tucson's River of Words* is not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail.
- ❖ Youth may submit as many entries as they like, **but a separate entry form must be completed for each submission.**
- ❖ Entrants may submit entries individually or through their school, scout troop, park district, summer camp, library, youth group, or other organization.
- ❖ Written poetry must be either typed or legibly written.
- ❖ Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size. Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage, and computer art. Photo entries must be at least 8 x 10 inches. 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.
- ❖ **The entrant's name, age and grade, and school and teacher should be printed on the back side of the artwork or poem and a completed Entry Form must be attached.**
- ❖ Collaborative poems and artwork are accepted, but only a single prize and/or certificate of appreciation will be presented.
- ❖ Submissions become property of *Tucson's 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.
- ❖ Entries are judged by age category: Category 1: grades K–1; Category 2: grades 2–3; Category 3: grades 4–6; Category 4: grades 7–12.
- ❖ The number of finalists to be selected by the judges is determined by *Tucson's River of Words* based on the total number of submissions for each category.
- ❖ One grand prize winner is selected by the judges in each age category for poetry and art. *Tucson's River of Words* reserves the right to not award a winner in any given category if no entry merits such designation.
- ❖ Finalists and grand prize winners will be notified by mail in April 2013.

- ❖ Finalists and grand prize winners receive certificates of award at a ceremony in April 2013. An exhibition of *Tucson's River of Words* Award Winning Poetry and Art is displayed at several community galleries throughout the year. A booklet of *Tucson's River of Words* Award Winning Poetry and Art is published and each finalist and grand prize winner receives a copy of the booklet that includes their work.



For more information contact:
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 Environmental Education**
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TROW is a regional coordinator providing local support for River of Words®. River of Words is a program of The Center for Environmental Literacy and a part of the Kalmanovitz School of Education. River of Words is its own watershed: a linked network of people throughout the United States and the world who are committed to teaching the art and poetry of place to young people.



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FOR INDEPENDENT ENTRIES



A Drop of Water
 Cathy Xia, age 9

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TUCSON'S RIVER OF WORDS YOUTH POETRY AND ART

Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art (TROW) encourages young people to explore how water moves through the landscape and the connections that plants, animals, and people have to water. After exploring these topics children ages 5–19 have the opportunity to share their observations and understandings through their entries of poetry and/or visual art to *Tucson's River of Words* Youth Poetry and Art Contest.

Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest entries are accepted anytime. The submission deadline for the 2013 contest is February 1, 2013. Independent entries are welcomed as well as entries from schools, home school students, and other organized youth groups. TROW School Residencies are available.

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Entry Form

Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest

All entries must be postmarked or delivered in person by February 1, 2013.

Mail to: Tucson's River of Words, 3500 West River Road, Tucson, AZ 85741

Or Deliver to: Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

3500 West River Road, Tucson, AZ 85741 • Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Important! A complete entry form must be attached to each poem or artwork with the entry form and the art or poem facing out. Paperclips work well; staples may damage your original work. Also, print your name, age and grade, and school and teacher on the back side of your poem or art. Please print carefully; we need to be able to read the handwriting in order to judge your entry.

Student's Name: _____ **Male:** ____ **Female:** ____ **Age:** _____

Grade: _____ (this information is important since entries are judged by age/grade categories)

Art: ____ **Poem:** ____ (**Check one**) You may illustrate your poem or incorporate poetry into your art but you must decide in which category you want the work to be judged.

Title of the artwork or poem: _____

Pledge of Originality: I declare and avow that the poem or art I am submitting to the *Tucson's River of Words* Contest is my own original work.

Student's Signature: _____

I hereby grant and assign to *Tucson's River of Words* the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect of the original writing, artwork, or photos that my child has submitted to *Tucson's River of Words*, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the *Tucson's River of Words* Program. I hereby release and discharge *Tucson's River of Words* from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, *Tucson's River of Words* maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. *Tucson's River of Words* assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. *Tucson's River of Words* may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. As the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, I hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Note: If you are entering through your school, scout troop, summer camp, park district, library, or other organization, please complete the information below. We would like to acknowledge your teacher and school/group.

School/ Organization: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Phone:** _____