

Illinois American Water Announces Winners Of Annual “Water Keeps Life Flowing” Youth Art Contest

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BELLEVILLE - Young artists across Illinois participated in Illinois American Water's annual "Water Keeps Life Flowing" art contest which illustrates the importance of

reliable, safe water service. Through the contest, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students submitted a drawing and sentence about what water service means to them. To help spark creativity, teachers explained how important water service is for public health, food, daily chores, firefighting, manufacturing and more.

Illinois American Water chose 26 winners who earned their classrooms a \$100 donation. The artwork can be viewed on Illinois American Water's Facebook [page](#). The winning artwork may be featured in future company communications.

According to Illinois American Water Vice President of Operations Beth Matthews, the art contest “merges art with the science of water service.” She said, “Both water and art are critical to a thriving community, and both may be easily taken for granted. By drawing on the creativity of local students, we can help bring attention to both art and water service in a creative way.”

The art contest winners are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Adalynn R., 3rd grader, Unity East Elementary, Tolono
- Addison R., 4th grader, St. James Catholic School, Millstadt
- Alyza, 5th grader, Hardin County Elementary School, Elizabethtown
- Amarah R., 4th grader, Dr. C.T. Vivian Primary School, Peoria
- **Amirah T., East Alton Elementary, Alton**
- Audrey, 4th grader, St. Clare Catholic School, O'Fallon
- Ava S., 5th grader, Central School, Lincoln
- Callum M., 4th Grader, St. Mary's School, Pontiac
- Camille C., 4th grader, Holy Cross Elementary, Champaign
- Carter D., 3rd grader, Central School, Lincoln
- Donny R., 4th grader, Whittier Primary, Peoria
- Giselle T., 4th grader, Unity West Elementary, Tolono
- Harrison H., 5th grader, St. Mary's Catholic Grade School, Sterling
- Ivana S., 4th grader, John R. Tibbott School, Bolingbrook
- Karlee T., 4th grader, Holy Family School, Granite City
- Lara A., 4th grader, Oak View School, Bolingbrook
- Marie U., 5th grader, Belle Valley School, Belleville
- Max, 5th grader, Builta Elementary, Bolingbrook
- Michaella D., 3rd grader, Frost Elementary School, Mt. Prospect
- Natale K., 5th grader, St. Jude Catholic School, Peoria
- Payton D., 5th grader, Northlawn Junior High, Streator
- Reya S., Builta Elementary, Bolingbrook
- Samera M., 5th grader, Trewyn Middle School, Peoria
- Sophia C., Hadley Middle School, Homer Glen
- Taylor G., 5th grader, St. Joseph Catholic School, Pekin

- Zoey D., 4th grader, Unity West Elementary, Tolono

To view all of the artwork please click the link [here](#).

About Illinois American Water

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