

# **Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission – Art Competition**

## **Competition Invitation**

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (“PVSC”), a statutory agency of the State of New Jersey located in Newark, is inviting students in grades 11 and 12 to draw, paint or otherwise design original artwork in connection with the **2024 PVSC Art Competition** (the “Competition”). The Competition is open to all students in grades 11 and 12 who attend public, private, parochial or home schools in PVSC’s 48-municipality service area. See below for list of municipalities.

## **Competition Theme**

All submissions should consist of original artwork depicting PVSC’s mission of “Protecting Public Health and the Environment,” which PVSC performs through, among other things, reclaiming more than 200 million gallons of wastewater that is conveyed to PVSC for treatment at its wastewater treatment facility every day. Anyone interested in participating in the Competition may find inspiration by reviewing PVSC’s website ([nj.gov/pvsc](http://nj.gov/pvsc)), which contains extensive information about PVSC’s history and mission.

## **Awards**

The winner of the Competition will receive the grand prize of \$3,000. The contestant who submits the second place submission will receive \$2,000 and the contestant who submits the third place submission will receive \$1,000.

## **Official Rules**

### **1. Eligibility**

The Competition is open to all students in grades 11 and 12 who are currently enrolled at and attending public, private, parochial and home schools in the following contributing municipalities that comprise PVSC’s contributing municipalities: Bayonne, Belleville, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Clifton, East Newark, East Orange, East Rutherford, Elizabeth, Elmwood Park, Fair Lawn, Garfield, Glen Ridge, Glen Rock, Hackensack, Haledon, Harrison, Hasbrouck Heights, Hawthorne, Hillside, Jersey City, Kearny, Little Falls, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Montclair, Newark, North Arlington, North Bergen, North Caldwell, North Haledon, Nutley, Orange, Passaic, Paterson, Prospect Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, South Hackensack, South Orange, Totowa, Union City, Wallington, West Orange, Woodland Park, Wood-Ridge.

Family members of PVSC Commissioners and employees are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

### **2. Requirements**

- Artwork submitted must be the original work of the student
- Students must be currently enrolled in grades 11 and 12
- Artwork is limited to one entry per student
- Artwork should be submitted as a high-resolution image in standard image format, with a file no larger than 100GB
- Art can represent the following media: drawing and painting (i.e., pencil, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, oil paints, acrylics) and original digital creations

### 3. Submitting Entries

The Competition submission period will begin on February 1, 2024, and will conclude on March 22, 2024, at 8:00 pm EST. Entries must be submitted using the PVSC website ([nj.gov/pvsc/education/competition](http://nj.gov/pvsc/education/competition)). An entry must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian of a student if the student is under 18 years of age. If you are a teacher who would like to submit a student's artwork, you may do so. However, you will need to have a parent/guardian complete the permission form and include the signed form when submitting an entry. Please download, print and complete the entry form, then follow the link to upload the entry form and a photograph of the artwork. Fill out the form with your email, first and last name. Under company name, please use your school. The image file cannot be larger than 100GB.

### 4. Criteria

Entries will be evaluated based on originality, interpretation of subject matter/theme, creative techniques, composition, and overall art appearance.

### 5. Judging

Competition officials will select the top entries and present them to a panel of five judges. Those judges will make selections based on the above-mentioned criteria to determine which pieces will be chosen for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The winners will be notified via email by May 2024.

### 6. Submission Terms and Agreement

When submitting artwork, you must agree to the terms and conditions on the official entry form found on the PVSC website ([nj.gov/pvsc/education/competition](http://nj.gov/pvsc/education/competition)).