**2021-22 WRITE-OFF CONTEST**

Entry Deadline: Mail stories by Friday, October 22, 2021

**Theme:**
Water District Careers

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**CONTEST RULES**

**Requirements**

- 500-1,000 words.
- Must include at least three different “career characters”.
  - Example: engineer, customer service representative, and pipeline construction utility worker.
- Written for an audience of elementary age students.
- Needs to include illustration pages that match the story on separate 8.5” x 11” paper.
- Must include student biography, teacher biography, and student dedication.
- Story and illustrations become the property of EMWD and RCWD.
- No trademarked or copyrighted artwork or material will be accepted.

**Guidelines**

- This is a class-based project for students in grades 6-8 and requires teacher facilitation. Students may work alone or in groups of no more than two.
- Students will author and illustrate a story about “Water District Careers.”
- Students will research and present an engaging story that includes:
  - Three different career paths at a water district;
  - The education and skills needed for each career;
  - Some benefits of working at a water district;
  - A fun and engaging storyline, not just stating facts;
  - A vocabulary page with at least four vocabulary words that are used in the story; and,
  - A conclusion that links to preparing and planning for a career in the water industry while still in school so that a clear path is set to achieve this goal.

**Questions**

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**Prizes**

**Winning student(s)** will have their story published, receive an iPad mini, and copies of the book.

**Winning teacher(s)** will receive a gift card, and copies of the book.

**All participating classrooms** submitting complete stories will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party.

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**Submission Deadline Details**

Please mail stories by **October 22, 2021** to:

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