

KUA's 32<sup>nd</sup>  
**Annual Calendar  
Art Contest**



## CONTEST SPONSOR

Kissimmee Utility Authority is sponsoring this student art contest as part of an ongoing energy conservation awareness program, begun in 1994. The winning artwork will be featured in a full-color wall calendar for 2026.

## PARTICIPATION

The contest is open to Osceola County students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade, including public, charter, private, and homeschooled students.

## ARTWORK THEMES

Contest participants are asked to submit artwork on the following themes:

**Grades K-1:** Laundry

**Grades 2-3:** Appliances

**Grades 4-5:** Saving Money and Energy

*Page 3 will provide you with subject ideas and conservation tips on these themes.*

## ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Artwork must be original and the work of one student only.
- Students should focus on one main topic or idea in their work.
- **Size:** 8½"x11" (horizontal format only).
- **Materials:** White drawing paper. Crayon, felt pen, paint, or collage.
- Make lettering and messages large enough to reproduce well.
- Check for spelling errors and keep lettering away from borders.
- Pencil markings should be erased.
- The name of the student must not appear on the front of the artwork.
- **Copyrighted characters, product/brand logos, and names cannot be used.** That means: no tracing or copying pictures from books, TV, movies, websites, or other people's artwork, and no logos, brand names, or characters that belong to companies (*like superheroes, cartoon characters, or mascots*).

## SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges will select twelve (12) entries from the artwork submitted. Winners, their teachers and principals will be notified by phone in November 2025.

## PRIZES/RECOGNITION

Each student who submits artwork will receive a copy of the calendar. Participating students will also have the chance to win 1-day General Admission tickets to Island H2O Water Park! for their family. **The 12 winners will each receive \$150 cash.** The grand prize winner will have his/her name and artwork added to a KUA bucket truck for one year and will be featured on the calendar cover. **The grand winner's school will receive \$750 in art supplies. The school with the most total entries will receive \$500 in art supplies.**



## REMINDERS TO TEACHERS

The energy conservation tips in this document have been provided by KUA to assist your students as they prepare their contest entries.

Each piece of artwork submitted must have an entry form attached to its back (see back page). Please check to see that the information provided on the form is legible, complete, signed by a parent/guardian and securely attached to the artwork with transparent tape.

## CONTEST CHECKLIST

To ensure that artwork submitted by your students receives proper consideration, please check the following items before submittal to KUA:

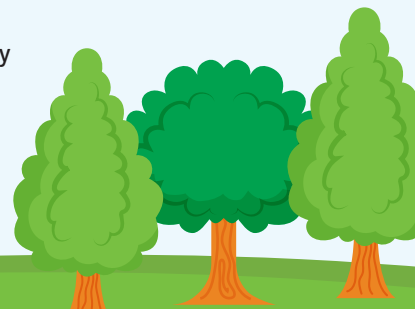
- ☐ Entry form is securely attached to back of artwork with transparent tape. Artwork which is submitted unaccompanied by the entry form will be ineligible for competition.
- ☐ Entry form is legible, completely filled out, and signed by the student's teacher AND parent or guardian.
- ☐ Artwork meets size specifications listed under "Artwork Requirements."
- ☐ Artwork focuses on appropriate topic (see grade level themes listed on the facing page).
- ☐ Title of the student's artwork should relate to energy conservation and the theme depicted in the artwork.
- ☐ All artwork is securely packaged and mailed flat. Please do not roll or fold artwork.

## PLEASE SEND OR HAND-DELIVER ENTRIES TO:

**Kissimmee Utility Authority  
Attn: Corporate Communications  
1701 West Carroll Street  
Kissimmee, Florida 34741**

## CONTEST DEADLINE

All entries must be received by  
**Friday, October 31, 2025**





## Kindergarten - First grade

### LAUNDRY

Here's a fun laundry room fact: The average American family washes 300 loads of laundry a year, spending about 68 cents per load, for a yearly total of \$204. Most laundry room expenses come from heating water for washing and heating air for drying. But these costs aren't set in stone, and you can save money by following these energy-reducing tips.

#### Conservation Tips:

1. **Wait for a full load:** it saves water and energy.
2. **Use cold water:** it saves energy and keeps clothes looking new.
3. **Air-dry when you can:** it saves energy from using the dryer.
4. **Clean the lint trap:** it helps the dryer work better.
5. **Pick shorter cycles:** it uses less water and power.
6. **Don't overload the dryer:** clothes dry faster with more space.

## GRADES 2-3

### APPLIANCES

Appliances account for about 13% of your household's energy costs, with refrigeration, cooking, and laundry at the top of the list.

#### Conservation Tips:

1. **Turn off the TV or game console when you're done:** it saves power.
2. **Turn off lights and electronics when you leave the room:** it helps save energy.
3. **Keep the fridge door closed:** it keeps the cold air in.
4. **Use the microwave instead of the oven:** it uses less energy.
5. **Keep the oven door closed:** it keeps the heat inside and saves energy.
6. **Let dishes air-dry:** it saves energy from the heat setting.
7. **Ask an adult to set the water heater to warm:** it still works and saves energy.

## GRADES 4-5

### SAVING MONEY AND ENERGY

The typical U.S. family spends at least \$2,200 a year on home utility bills. You can lower this amount by up to 25% by following these tips.

#### Conservation Tips:

1. **Close doors in rooms you're not using:** it helps save electricity by focusing heating or cooling only where it's needed.
2. **Use energy-efficient bulbs like LEDs:** they use less power and last longer.
3. **Wear clothes that keep you warm or cool inside:** so your family doesn't have to change the AC as much.
4. **Help your family set timers on lights or appliances:** so they don't stay on longer than needed.
5. **Don't block air vents with furniture or toys:** it helps heating and cooling work better and save energy.
6. **Turn off ceiling fans when no one is in the room:** fans cool people, not rooms, so turning them off saves power.
7. **Close the dishwasher door tightly so it doesn't leak warm air and waste electricity.**





# Entry form



This form must be signed by both the teacher and parent/guardian of the student submitting his/her artwork for judging. Type or print the requested information and attach to back of artwork. Entries must be received by **Friday, October 31, 2025**. This form may be duplicated as needed. Contest is limited to Osceola County students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5.

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Principal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or Subject of Artwork** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this artwork was created solely by the student named above. If it is selected as a winner, I agree that it may be published in KUA's 2026 Calendar of Energy Conservation and becomes the property of KUA and may not be returned. Submission constitutes full permission to exhibit, use and publish the artwork for any purpose and to publish the name, grade, school and/or photograph of the student without compensation beyond the \$150 prize.

## SIGNATURES:

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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