



# DRINKING WATER WEEK

May 5-11, 2024



**ZEELAND**  
Board of Public Works



American Water Works  
Association

# STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

*"Why is safe drinking water important to our community?"*

**For students in grades 4-12**  
living in Zeeland and immediate surrounding areas

Entries must be submitted by  
**Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:59 pm.**

The Zeeland Board of Public Works (ZBPW) Water Department invites the whole family to celebrate Drinking Water Week (May 5–11, 2024). Students (grades 4 – 12) are encouraged to write a short essay answering the question **"Why is safe drinking water important to our community?"**

## Contest Rules

- Entries must be the original work of one individual (no collaborations).
- Entries must be legible and either typed or in pen on white paper.
- Submissions will be judged on message, voice, creativity, and strength of writing.
- Entries must include first and last name, grade, age, contact info (phone and or email), teacher's name and school building if applicable.
- Any writing style may be submitted but is limited to 300 words or less.
- The contest is open to 4th – 12th-grade students living in Zeeland and immediate surrounding areas (age categories for judging will be Grades 4/5, Grades 6/7/8, Grades 9/10 and Grades 11/12).
- Entries must be submitted to their school, online ([zeelandbpw.com/water-week](http://zeelandbpw.com/water-week)), or by mail by Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:59pm.



Winners will be contacted by Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and will be invited to stop by Zeeland BPW's offices to pick up their prize. Parental consent is needed for a photo of winners. Winning entries will be published on the Zeeland BPW website.

Entry into the contest gives us permission to share the essay along with the student's first name and school.

**Questions? Visit [zeelandbpw.com/water-week](http://zeelandbpw.com/water-week).**