



2026 Earth Day Recycled Art Contest Application

Complete and submit this application **no later than Friday, February 20, 2026**, to:

Mindy Waltemyer, York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA), at m.waltemyer@ycswa.com, 717-843-1544 (fax), or 2700 Blackbridge Road, York, PA 17406. Please call 717-845-1066 or email Mindy with any questions.

Student Name and High School Grade Level (Names/Grades if entering contest as a group):

High School Name: _____

School District: _____

Art Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Email Address: _____

Teacher Phone Number: _____

Artwork Material Donations Information:

LifePath Thrift locations at 621 Lombard Rd., Red Lion, 17356; 2414 Eastern Blvd., York, 17402; 283 W. Market St., York 17401; and 2142 S. Queen Street, York, 17403 will donate materials for YCSWA Earth Day Recycled Art Contest artists for use in their projects. Please bring a school photo ID or driver's license (if you have one) and identify yourself upon arrival at the store.

ReSource York locations at 161 E. 9th Avenue, York, 17404 will supply up to \$20.00 of donated materials to YCSWA Earth Day Recycled Art Contest artists for use in their projects. No appointment is necessary. Please identify yourself at check out.

All artworks must be delivered to the York County History Center at 121 N. Pershing Avenue, York, 17401 on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM**.

The contest awards reception will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM** at the York County History Center.

Please see contest guidelines on the next page for more details.



York County Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day Recycled Art Contest Guidelines:

- Any York County student in 9th-12th grade may participate.
- **Participants must register by Friday, February 20, 2026**, in order to submit an art piece.
- Participants may register as individuals or as a group.
- Entries must contain 100% recycled, recovered, or reused content except for paints, dyes, adhesives, canvases, and mounting hardware.
- Entries may contain any recycled material as art medium, except for food matter.
- Participants are encouraged to include an artist statement with their art, but it is not required.
- **Entry dimensions may be no larger than 72" high x 36" wide x 24" deep** and must be ready to display by wall, table, free standing, etc.-**PLEASE NOTE, PIECES CANNOT BE CEILING MOUNTED.**
- Entries must be suitable for general public viewing with no offensive language or images.
- Entries must credit the original artist in the case of a reproduction.
- Participants acknowledge YCSWA and/or the York County History Center may photograph or reproduce images of the artwork, and the artist retains no ownership rights to the photos or reproductions from that completed image.
- **Title of artwork, name(s) of artist(s), medium(s) used, and how to display artwork (by wall, free standing, etc.) must be submitted to Mindy Waltemyer at m.waltemyer@ycswa.com by Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Artist statement, if applicable, must also be submitted at this time.**
- **Entries must be delivered to the York County History Center at 121 N. Pershing Avenue, York, 17401 on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM.**
- **Contest award reception will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the YC History Center.**
- \$600 in art supply gift certificates, split evenly between artist(s) and school, will be awarded for first place, \$400, split, for second place and \$200, split, for third place. If the winning artists compete in the contest as a group, half of the prize will be awarded to the group and half to their school. For a student group portion, YCSWA will award individual gift certificates divided amongst the students whose names are submitted with the **final** artwork of the group.
- In the case of a prize awarded to a home-schooled student, no school portion shall be given.
- **At the completion of the contest, winning entries will be displayed at the YCSWA Education Center until Friday, May 21, 2026. After that date, artists may reclaim their pieces or donate their artwork to YCSWA. All additional entries may be donated to YCSWA or must be picked up at the York County History Center on the evening of the contest reception on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, after the winning entries are announced.**