



2025-2026 Plastic Free Hawai'i School Mural Contest

Be the Drop, Make the Wave!

Create a mural with recycled materials that highlights the beauty of nature—to inspire people to reduce waste and protect the planet.



Details

Who can participate?

Students and school groups, grades K-12. Entries must be submitted by a Teacher or Parent on behalf of a student, a group of students, a club, a class, a grade level, or an entire school. Multiple groups from the same school may enter.

Materials: Incorporate *marine debris, plastic bottle caps, or any other single-use plastic items* collected from cleanups or recycling drives.

Tell us the story of where your materials came from in your Entry Form. Please do not encourage increased use or purchase of plastic bottles or other plastics to source materials.

Criteria: Murals will be judged on use of found or reused materials, visual appeal, creativity, and integration of the theme “Be the Drop, Make the Wave!”

Entry Format: Upload at least 3 digital high-resolution “actual size” jpeg (1MB minimum size). Additional detail shots are welcome if your mural is large in scope. Please also include photos with the students involved!

Submissions: Enter by completing the form at <https://bit.ly/PFHMural2026>. A signed media release is required for all participating artists in any photos.



Need Inspiration?

- Visit kokuahawaiifoundation.org/our-resources/ for resources which include films, books, and links to organizations around the world working to minimize marine debris and single-use plastics.
- Kick off your project by collecting bottle caps, marine debris, and other found objects via a beach cleanup, campus cleanup, waste audit, or a recycling drive.
- If this is a group mural project, have individual students complete a brainstorm sketch for the mural then work as a team to merge ideas into one collaborative project. Consider dividing your mural into sections that students can work on independently to support physical distancing as needed.
- Request a presentation to your club, classroom, or school that covers the issues of plastic pollution to get inspired on creating your mural.



Prizes from KHF & Partners

The grand prize mural winner will receive a water refill station for their school and the top entries will be displayed in April.

Win
Plastic
Free
Prizes!



Contest
Ends
February
23

All entries are due by February 23, 2026!

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