

The WATT SAVINGS PROJECT

A Student Art Program Sponsored by OUC



2026 CALENDAR DESIGN PROJECT ENTRY GUIDELINES

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Fourth-and fifth grade students in Osceola County Public Schools (must be in OUC's service territory)

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Student artists should work with their art instructor to develop energy conservation messages/slogans. Each school may select a maximum of six (6) entries from fourth-and fifth-grade students and submit them to Ms. Ashley Lowe, **Watt Savings Project**, School District of Osceola County, via school courier or drop off. Teachers who desire to have their classes participate in the calendar contest must submit a PARTICIPATION FORM via email to CommunityEngagement@ouc.com.



HOW TO ENTER:

Entries must be submitted with a PARTICIPATION FORM. Entries submitted without this form will not be considered for an award. The following information must appear on the back of each artwork: student's name, grade level, school name, art instructor's name, and energy conservation message/slogan. Be sure to use pencil so that the writing does not show through on the design side of the paper. Winning entries will remain the property of OUC—The *Reliable One*.

RULES:

Paper (8-1/2" x 11") will be provided. You must use the paper provided. Paint, watercolors, crayons, colored markers, or any other appropriate media are acceptable. Each piece of artwork must illustrate an energy conservation message/slogan conveyed in a positive way. messages or slogans must be included on the BACK of the artwork, not as part of the design itself. We recommend photocopying the original artwork and writing the required information on the copy to keep for your files.

CALENDAR ARTWORK SIZE:

Must be 8-1/2" x 11" positioned HORIZONTALLY. Any 2-D art media may be used. No photography should be used in the design.

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ENTRY GUIDELINES CONTINUED...

CALENDAR:

Thirteen (13) winners will be selected. One will be featured on the calendar's cover, and the other 12 will represent the months of the year. The calendar cover will be selected on Social Media. All students who submit artwork will receive a "Certificate of Participation".

RELEASE FORMS:

Art instructors must be sure that a release form accompanies each original artwork.

BASIS FOR JUDGING:

The winning entries will be selected based on:

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| 1) Originality | 3) Creation of a Positive Energy Conservation Message/Slogan |
| 2) Artistic Skill | 4) Suitability for Reproduction in the Calendar |

The winners will be posted on OUC—The *Reliable One*'s website, as well as other media sources.

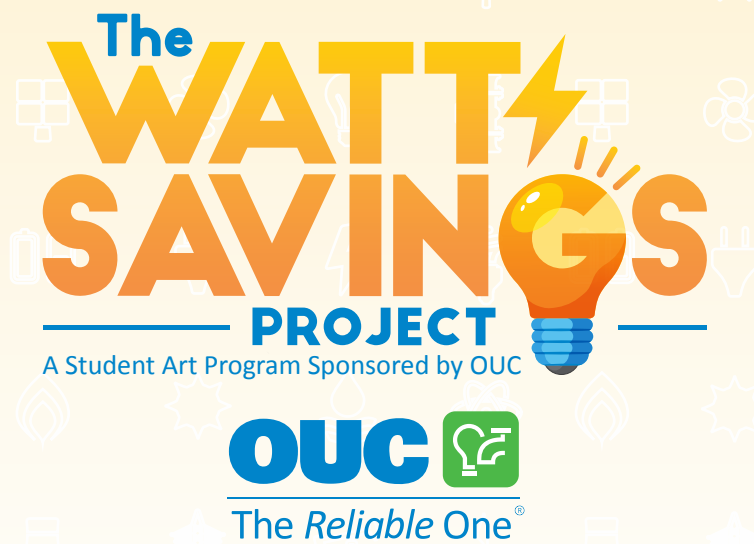
SEND ENTRIES TO:

Ms. Ashley Lowe, Watts Savings Project, School District of Osceola County, via school courier or drop off. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD ARTWORK. For more information, please contact Community Engagement at CommunityEngagement@ouc.com.

AWARDS:

The winning artwork, along with the names of the students, schools, principals, and coordinating art instructors, will be published in the 2026 Watts Savings Calendar. All selected students will receive a plaque of their winning artwork, a gift card and will be formally recognized at an Awards Ceremony sponsored by OUC—The *Reliable One* in Feb/March 2026 at Osceola Arts. Teachers will also win money for their school. A photograph of each student will be taken at the event. The parents, art instructors, and principals of the selected students will be invited to the ceremony. Light hors' d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.





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DESIGN TIPS

Designing artwork to be printed on a calendar is a little harder than it may seem. These designs are going to be reproduced by a four-color process (you may use as many colors as you like in your artwork). Use bright, BOLD colors. Faint or light designs do not work quite as well. The objective is to relay an energy conservation message that can be understood in a moment. Some helpful hints to keep in mind when developing your design are:

1. Keep It Simple

Keep your design to a maximum of six elements (for example, a “light bulb” would be one element; an “electrical outlet” would be a second element, etc.). Too many pictures or words make your design busy. One big picture makes a bigger impact.

2. Energy Conservation Slogan or Message

Make sure that you write your message/slogan clearly on the BACK of your artwork. Be sure to use pencil so that the writing doesn’t show through on the design side of the paper.

3. Sketch Your Design

Do a rough sketch of your ideas. That way you will not spend hours of your time fine-tuning a design that is too small and may not work well. Practice paper and the art submission paper will be delivered to each teacher at the school indicated on their form.

4. Use Bright Colors

Once the pictures are in place, color adds the magic. Color not only adds impact to your message, but brings your design to life.

Keep these basic hints in mind and you are sure to create a wonderful piece of artwork with a meaningful energy conversation message!

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PARTICIPATION FORM

Deadline for Submittal: Friday, September 5, 2025

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Art Instructor: _____

Principal: _____

Total Number of Students Participating: _____

**This form must be emailed no later than
Friday, September 5, 2025, to:**

Community Engagement
OUC–The Reliable One
e-mail: communityengagement@ouc.com



2026 CALENDAR DESIGN PROJECT ENTRY FORM

Please list the student's name and school for each entry enclosed and include the student's energy conservation message/slogan on the BACK of the piece of artwork. Be sure to use pencil so that the writing doesn't show through on the design side of the paper.

Each school may submit a maximum of 6 entries. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND MORE THAN 6!** Each entry will be considered for selection.

All entries must be submitted to Ms. Ashley Lowe, **Watts Savings Project**, School District of Osceola County, via school courier no later than **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**, and must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

For more information, please contact Community Engagement at 407-463-7209 or communityengagement@ouc.com.

Certificates of Participation will be provided for the following:

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of School: _____

Art Instructor: _____

1. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____

2. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____

3. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____



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ENTRY FORM

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4. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____

5. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____

6. Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Message/Slogan: _____



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PARENTAL RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission to OUC—The *Reliable* One and anyone it communicates with regarding energy education projects, to use my child's name, comments, and photo, as well as reproduce my child's artwork for energy education project purposes, including dissemination on the Internet. I understand that Florida's Public Records Law governs these materials. This means that any member of the public can request and receive a copy of this information.

I understand and agree that OUC—The *Reliable* One has no control over the use of copies of this material once it is requested from and distributed by OUC—The *Reliable* One.

I waive any right to inspect and/or approve such publications prior to use and/or reproduction thereof. I also waive, release, and forever discharge OUC—The *Reliable* One from all claims, actions, causes of action, or liability related to or arising from the furnishing of any art or any other material in connection with energy education project purposes.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Child's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

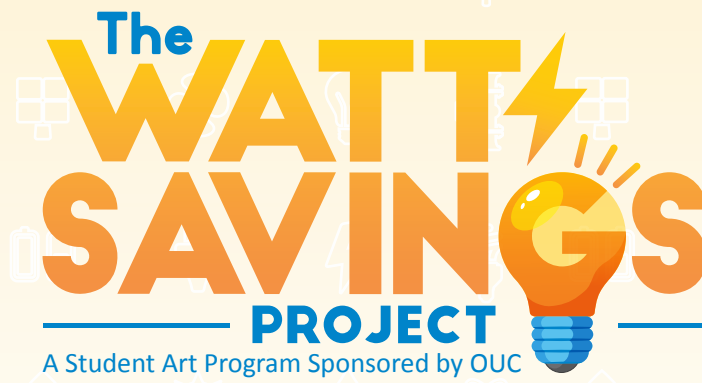
Art Instructor: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____



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THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS PROJECT

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HOLISTIC RUBRIC FOR STANDARDS BASED ASSESSMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS Grades 3-5

LEVEL 4

- Shows objects from different viewpoints
- Shows evidence of thought in placing objects in environment
- Shows arrangement of objects on the picture plane
- Indicates relationships between objects
- Uses color in a convincing manner
- Makes a variety of shapes
- Uses overlapping forms
- Represents detail and texture in a convincing way

LEVEL 3

- Makes color vary in value
- Shows objects in different environments
- Shows some overlapping forms
- Varies positions of objects
- Uses some texture and detail

LEVEL 2

- Organizes objects pictorially in space
- Makes shapes in isolation
- Shows some evidence of order
- Shows some use of organized color
- Indicates some relationship between objects

LEVEL 1

- Places objects randomly
- Uses stereotypes
- Places shapes or objects in isolation
- Provides little or no detail
- Uses color with little thought or organization

