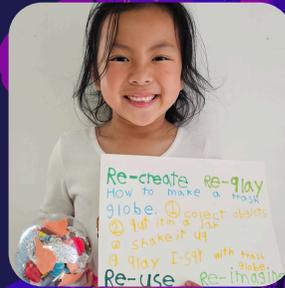


StopWaste Schools Presents the

# WE ARE THE ReGeneration

## 2026 Art & Storytelling Contest



## Share your story of climate action!

### Share Your Story: Join the ReGeneration

Join youth and families across Alameda County in sharing your unique and personal stories of action that represent how you are part of the **Re**Generation. Together, we can take collective action to share the thriving, irresistible future we all envision for ourselves and for our communities.

### Get Creative: Choose Your Medium

Select a storytelling medium (i.e. reuse art, visual art, performing arts, creative writing, or mixed media) to showcase your actions and impact! Whether you embrace the 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot) or come up with your own "R" words, let your actions shine and inspire others!

**PRIZES UP TO \$300\***

### Participant Categories

Individual & Groups  
Elementary  
Middle  
High School  
Adult

### Art Categories

Reuse Art  
Visual Art  
Creative Writing  
Performing Arts  
Mixed Media

**Deadline for submissions:  
Monday, May 4, 2026**

*\*The contest is open to all but monetary awards will only be given to those who reside, live, or work in Alameda County.*



Learn More at [www.stopwaste.org/4RsContest](http://www.stopwaste.org/4RsContest)  
Questions? Email [schools@stopwaste.org](mailto:schools@stopwaste.org)

**Get Inspired!** Scan the QR codes to learn more about past contest winners and read or watch their 4Rs and climate action stories.



My art is inspired by my 4Rs - **Recycle, Reuse, Rebuild, Rethink** - to imagine and create a cleaner, brighter Earth.

**Alvin Z.,**  
 Elementary Student



**The VR Builder**  
 Visual Art

[www.StopWaste.org/alvinz](http://www.StopWaste.org/alvinz)

We all can help protect ocean ecosystems, marine life, and human health by **Refusing, Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling** all plastic!

**Lucas O.,**  
 Elementary Student



**Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle PLASTIC!**  
 Reuse Art

[www.StopWaste.org/lucaso](http://www.StopWaste.org/lucaso)



My 4Rs are **Remember, Rethink, Re-Grow, and Re-Glow**. Paying closer attention to nature now can help shape a better future.

**Claire V.,**  
 Middle School Student



**4 Reminders**  
 Mixed Media

[www.StopWaste.org/clairev](http://www.StopWaste.org/clairev)

*♪ We can help the Earth, because we know how much our Earth is worth ♪*

Our 4Rs are **Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, and Regeneration**.

**Raymond & Claire,**  
 Middle School Students



**We Can Help the Earth**  
 Performing Arts

[www.StopWaste.org/raymondandclaire](http://www.StopWaste.org/raymondandclaire)



## What Are Your 4Rs?

Along with your artwork, submit an artist statement highlighting how you use the **4Rs**, it's just as important as the art!

- Do you **Rethink** before you toss?
- **Reimagine** a healthy Earth community?
- **Redesign** your school or cafeteria?
- **Recreate** something new from something old?

## Tips & Guides for Your Artwork

To help you submit the best artwork and stories you can, we encourage you to view the StopWaste best practices, tips and guides for submitting your art pieces.

We also highly encourage you to submit a photo of yourself with your artwork!



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