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Meridian Waste Announces Winners of 7th Annual Brightening the World Earth Day Coloring Contest

Charlotte, NC (April 22, 2026) – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, is pleased to announce the winners of its 7th Annual Brightening the World Earth Day Coloring Contest. The nationwide contest invited children ages three to 10 from across the United States to showcase their creativity while celebrating environmental awareness and Earth Day.

This year's contest saw strong participation from families across the country, with 995 submissions reflecting creativity, imagination, and thoughtful interpretations of caring for the planet. Winners were selected across three age categories.

Ages 3–4:

First place: Vihan G., Age 3, Bear, Delaware
Second place: Riyan M., Age 3, Houston, Texas
Third place: Jay P., Age 4, Sacramento, California

Ages 5–7:

First place: Pulkit K., Age 7, Mountain House, California
Second place: Eyleen Z., Age 7, Cerritos, California
Third place: Ashvik S., Age 7, Jacksonville, Florida

Ages 8–10:

First place: Yara A., Age 10, Conway, South Carolina
Second place: Quinn D., Age 10, Ponte Vedra, Florida
Third place: Ariana G., Age 10, Jacksonville, Florida

“At Meridian Waste, we work every day to keep communities clean—but these kids show us how to keep the planet bright,” said Walter “Wally” Hall, CEO of Meridian Waste. “Their creativity turns an important message into something unforgettable. Congratulations to our winners—and to all the future artists out there, we’re ready to be wowed by you next year!”

The Brightening the World Earth Day Coloring Contest is part of Meridian Waste’s ongoing commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship. By encouraging participation from young artists, the company aims to foster early awareness around sustainability and the importance of maintaining clean, healthy communities.

Winning entries are featured on Meridian Waste’s website and social media channels in celebration of Earth Day. [View here.](#)

About Meridian Waste:

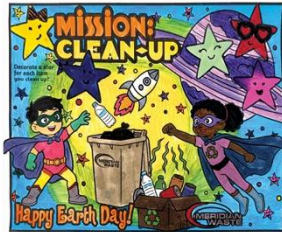
Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company’s core waste business is centered on residential,

commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C and the greater Triad Region of NC., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Huntsville, AL, Central AL, North & South MS, Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 583,800 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 32 hauling companies, thirteen transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1,803,500 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

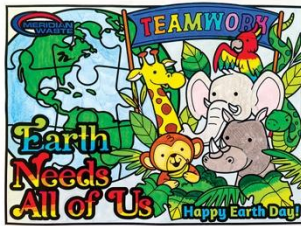
Image 1: First place winners for each age group



Age Group: 3-4 Years Old
1st Place
Vihan G., Age 3, Bear, DE



Age Group: 5-7 Years Old
1st Place
Pulkit K., Age 7, Mountain House, CA



Age Group: 8-10 Years Old
1st Place
Yara A., Age 10, Conway, SC

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