

Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District

2018 Essay Contest



Everyone lives in a watershed! What is a watershed and why is it important to your life? Is it the building out back that stores water? Discover how watersheds impact individuals, communities, and the whole planet!

Open to 5th - 8th grade students

Essay Contest Rules:

- The essay topic for this year is **“Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home”**
- Contest is open to any Greenville County student in 5th – 8th grade or equivalent.
- Essay length:
 - 350-400 words for 5th & 6th graders
 - 600-750 words for 7th & 8th graders
- Essays must be typed or hand written (in ink) on one side of the paper
- **Punctuation and grammar count! Make sure your essay is double checked for errors!**

- **You MUST have a TITLE page as your first page with ALL of the following information:**
 - student name and home mailing address
 - email address (**winners will be contacted by email**)
 - name of school, name of teacher, teacher email, and grade level

- **Essay may address ALL of the following:**
 - What is a watershed?
 - Why is a healthy watershed important?
 - What watershed do you live in?
 - How does water quality impact people? Animals?
 - Where does our water come from?

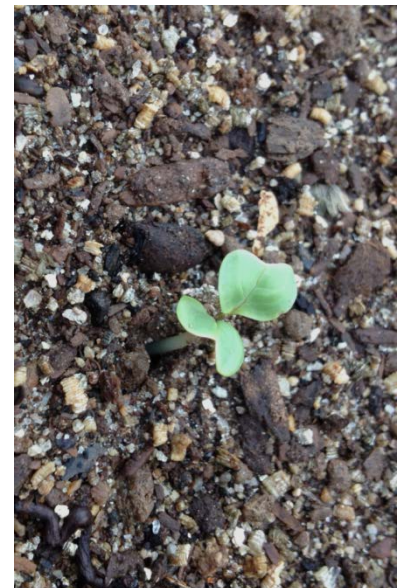
BE CREATIVE! The winners each year have shown a level of creativity and content over and above the average. Tell a personal story or anecdote to make your essay stand out in a crowd!

3 awards in each grade level- \$50 cash prize per student
Special “thank you” gifts for teachers of award winners

Deadline: 4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2017

Please mail or hand-deliver entries to:

Essay Contest
Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District
301 University Ridge, Ste. 4800
Greenville, SC 29601



Questions about the essay or contest?

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