

2017 Middle School Water Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

District-wide Winner: \$500 Cash | County Winners: \$100 Cash

Deadline: Friday, October 20, 2017

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties are invited to participate in the Metro Water District's annual essay contest.

Essay Topic

Students should write a 300-500 word essay that addresses the following:

Explain why water quantity (how much water we have) and water quality (how clean the water is) are equally important.

Guidelines

- ◆ Essays must be legible and typed.
- ◆ Each essay must be submitted with an entry form.
- ◆ All essays must be received no later than **Friday, October 20, 2017**.

Online: www.northgeorgiawater.org

or

Mail: 2017 Water Essay Contest
Metro Water District
229 Peachtree St., NE, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30303

Prizes

One winner from each of the 15 counties as well as the City of Atlanta will receive \$100. The District-wide winner will be selected from among the county and city winners to receive an additional \$400 for a total prize of \$500.

Judging

Entries will be judged on their creativity, clarity and content. Essays without complete name and contact information will be disqualified.

Awards Reception

County and City of Atlanta winners will be notified **December 3rd**. An awards reception will be held in the South Wing of the Georgia Capitol on Wednesday, **December 13th** from 10 am -12 pm. District-wide winner and runner-up will be announced at the awards reception.

For more information

Go to MyDropCounts.org and NorthGeorgiaWater.org for more information about water conservation in metro Atlanta information and resources.

For more information concerning the essay contest, please email education@northgeorgiawater.org



Water Essay Contest Judging Rubric

A minimum score of 3 in Content, 3 in Clarity and 2 in Creativity are required to win a County or City of Atlanta prize.

Points	Content	Clarity	Creativity
1	Demonstrates limited knowledge or understanding of the topic.	Sentence structure, word choice, make reading and understanding difficult.	No original or creative elements.
2	Demonstrates very general knowledge of the topic.	Sentence structure and/or word choice sometimes interfere with clarity.	Demonstrates some original and creative elements.
3	Demonstrates knowledge of the topic.	Sentences are well structured and words are chosen to communicate ideas clearly.	Demonstrates many original and creative elements that surprised and delighted the reader.
4	Demonstrates strong knowledge of the topic.	Writing flows smoothly from one idea to another.	