



WATER IS ESSENTIAL

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

Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2020

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, 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 one of the following:

In recent months, we know now more than ever that access to clean, safe water is critical for public health and safety. And we are more aware of the essential work that happens every day to ensure that access. During this time of pandemic due to COVID-19, why is access to clean, safe water so critical?

— OR —

The water professionals who work at the utilities and water authorities of the 15-county metro area work hard to provide water and wastewater services so that we do not have to worry about meeting a basic human need. There are thousands of water professionals in Georgia that keep our water flowing. Research an essential water job and write about the functions of the job, the type of education needed to do this job, why the job is important, and why you would consider doing this job.

Guidelines

- ◆ Essays must be typed. If there are special circumstances requiring a hand-written essay, please contact education@northgeorgiawater.org.
- ◆ Each essay must be submitted with an entry form.
- ◆ Plagiarized essays will not be considered.
- ◆ All essays must be received no later than **Friday, November 6, 2020**.
- ◆ Essays must be submitted online at northgeorgiawater.org/essay. If there are any special circumstances requiring essays be submitted by mail, please contact education@northgeorgiawater.org.

Prizes

One winner from each of the 15 counties and 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. A judging committee will be comprised of staff from the Metro Water District, utility partners, and Georgia Project WET.

Awards Reception

County and City of Atlanta winners will be notified by **December 7th**. Due to social distancing measures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, District staff will notify winners about awards and a virtual recognition event to be held the week of **December 14th**.

For more information

Go to NorthGeorgiaWater.org, thevalueofwater.org, and h2Oportunity.net for more information.

Teachers: We strongly encourage (but do not require) you to do the "What's Your Standard" urban watershed activity from Georgia Project WET's Urban Watershed with your students to set a good baseline knowledge for this essay. For more information on Georgia Project WET, visit projectwet.georgia.gov.

