



GEORGIA'S WATER

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

Deadline: October 8, 2021

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:

1. *Georgia Water Live* featured many experts and professionals in the water industry. Choose an essential water career that was featured in *Georgia Water Live* or a water career that means a lot to you. Research the career, 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.
2. In *Georgia Water Live*, the audience learned what makes Georgia's water resources unique. Tell us why you think a clean, abundant water supply is essential for our metro Atlanta region and our state.

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 **October 8, 2021**.
- ◆ 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 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. A judging committee will be composed 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 early November. Due to social distancing measures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, District staff will notify winners about awards and a plan for a recognition ceremony that may be virtual or in person (TBD).

For more information

Go to NorthGeorgiaWater.org, gpb.org/water, and h2Opportunity.net, or see the contest information flyer for more information.

Teachers: We strongly encourage (but do not require) you to perform the "What's Your Standard" activity from Georgia Project WET's Urban Watershed (visit northgeorgiawater.org/essay for a link to the activity) with your class to help them gain a better understanding of the natural and manmade infrastructure that keeps our water flowing. You can also check out www.discoverwater.org/ for nine activities (in English and Spanish) that cover topics such as conservation, hygiene, fresh/salt water, watersheds and more.

