
WHARTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 342

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ESSAY CONTEST

The deadline for entering is December 14, 2018

In conjunction with the 2016 Texas Conservation Awards Program, the Wharton County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring an Essay contest.

The Subject is **“Life in Soil Dig Deeper”** The theme **“Life in Soil Dig Deeper”** Soil is a dirty topic, but everyone needs to learn more about it! Soil is the foundation for many of the items we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. Don't treat your soil like dirt!

For additional information on this theme, please visit the Stewardship web site at www.stewardshipweek.com or contact Wharton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

As you write your essay, you should remember:

Write about soil and water conservation

Make your writing interesting to the reader

Make sure that each sentence you write helps the reader understand your essay

Make sure that your ideas are clear and easy for the reader to follow

Write about your ideas in detail so that the reader really understands what you are saying

Check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

The contest is open to all young people 18 and under and who reside in Wharton County. This is not a contest between schools or students and in no way affects participation in Interscholastic League events.

The contest is divided into two divisions:

Middle, Junior High age 13 and under (maximum of 300 words)

High School age 14 to 18 (maximum of 500 words)

A panel of judges will select the best three essays from each division. The 1st place winner's essay from each division will be sent to the State Board in

Temple, Texas to be entered in the Region III competition. The essays will be judged on originality, neatness, research and accuracy of facts.

After the essays are judged on December 18, 2018 the winners and schools will be notified. The winners will receive their awards at our Annual Awards Banquet May 10, 2019.

The awards will be:

1st place winner \$ 50.00

2nd place winner \$ 40.00

3rd place winner \$ 30.00

Honorable Mention \$ 10.00

Each winner will also receive a ribbon.

SOME GUIDELINES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED:

On the front cover sheet of the essay, please print:

Name

Grade

Name of School

Teacher

We hope you will encourage your students to participate in this event. We believe it is very important to involve our youth in learning ways to conserve our Natural Resources.

You can mail the essays to us at 9726 US 59 RD Suite 1002 Wharton, Texas 77488 or you can call us and Mary will come pick them up. Call us at 979-532-0077 ext. 118 (Mary Smith)

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