

# HOW IT WORKS



Answer the question:

# What can you do to improve your watershed?

### **Identify the Problem**

- **Research** your watershed and identify an environmental concern
- Work as a classroom or club of at least 10 students

## What's your Solution?

- Come up with **one realistic solution**
- Explain your innovative idea and get feedback from community leaders
- Finalists are judged on innovation, environmental impact, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution and visuals

# **Submit Online**

**Proposal Deadlines:** 

Fall semester: November 4, 2022\* Spring semester: March 3, 2023

- Proposals are reviewed
- Implementation funding is awarded

## **Finalists Competition**

- · Community mentor provided
- 5 minute verbal presentation
- Judges select 10 finalists
- Chance to win up \$1,000 for your classroom/club

# \$10,000

**Implementation Funding** 

All realistic entries are eligible. If you want to take action, we can help make it happen!

Free watershed presentations, mentorship and funding is available. Proposal guidelines can be found at CaringForOurWatersheds.com









#### FINALIST AWARDS

1st Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600
6th Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8th Place	9th Place	10th Place
\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300

#### SCHOOL/CLUB AWARDS

\$10,000 available

The first 40 classrooms/clubs that submit qualifying proposals will receive \$250 for their school or registered non-profit club just for participating!

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

\$10,000 available

To share between realistic entries. All proposals are eligible to apply for funding.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

**CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS: Chesapeake Bay** is open to classroom/clubs in **Middle School and High School** who live within the Mid-Atlantic Region: PA, VA, MD, DC, DE, and parts of WV and NY.

#### **DEADLINES**

**Fall semester: November 4, 2022\*** – Proposal deadline **Spring semester: March 3, 2023** – Proposal deadline

Final Competition: May 11, 2023 – Finals Award Ceremony and Showcase

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\*Rolling deadline. Fall proposals will be accepted until the spring deadline if required.

The Program Coordinator reserves the right to change or adjust reward amounts and contest deadlines based on the level of participation.

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