



CARING FOR OUR
Watersheds[®]
California

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 in a group of up to 4 students



What's your Solution?

- Come up with **one realistic solution**
- Explain your idea in approximately 1000 words through an online grant style application (include visuals)
- **Solutions are judged** on innovation, impact potential, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution, visuals, and connection to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Submit Online

Proposal Deadline:

February 2, 2024

- Every student gets a gift
- Judges select 10 finalists



Finalists Competition

- Community mentor provided
- 5 minute presentation
- Chance to **win \$1,000** for yourself and \$1,000 for your **school/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	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600
6th Place	7th Place	8th Place	9th Place	10th Place
\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300

SCHOOL/CLUB AWARDS

\$11,000 available

In each contest, all finalists win cash for themselves plus a matching cash prize for their school or registered non-profit club. Schools/clubs are also eligible for \$100 for every 10 entries they submit to the contest.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

\$10,000 available

To share between realistic entries. Both finalists and non-finalists are welcome to apply.

ELIGIBILITY

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS: California is open to students in **Grades 9–12** who live in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Watersheds in Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, Glenn, El Dorado, Placer, and San Joaquin counties.

DEADLINES

Friday, February 2, 2024 – Contest entry deadline

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – Final competition

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*The Program Coordinator reserves the right to change or adjust reward amounts and contest deadlines based on the level of participation. The first 500 students will receive a participation reward. The first 500 entries will receive a school/club reward. Restrictions may apply.

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