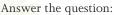


# ORKS





# What can you do to improve your watershed?

#### **Identify the Problem**

- Research your watershed and identify a local environmental concern
- Work as a classroom or club of at least 10 students
- Work with community partners and various stakeholders

### **Submit Online**

**Submission Deadline:** 

February 28, 2025

- Proposals are reviewed
- Implementation funding is awarded

# What's your Solution?

- Come up with **one realistic solution** using democratic decision making
- Pitch your innovative idea to community leaders to gather feedback and ask for change
- **Solutions are judged** on innovation and adaptability, impact potential, research and writing, budget, visuals, realistic solution, environmental literacy, and connection to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



#### Finalists Competition

- · Community mentor provided
- 5 minute 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              |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| L/G | \$1,000   | \$900                 | \$800     | \$700     | \$600                  |
|     | 6th Place | 7th Place             | 8th Place | 9th Place | 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 classrooms/clubs in **Middle School - High School\*\*** who live within the Mid-Atlantic Region: PA, VA, MD, DC, DE, and parts of WV and NY.

#### **DEADLINES**

**February 28, 2025** – Budgets and written proposals due **May 1, 2025** – Finals Award Ceremony and Showcase

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\*Contest finalists will be given priority for implementation funding.

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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<sup>\*\*</sup>Select 5th grade classes can apply with special permission.