



CARING FOR OUR

Watersheds[®]

Chesapeake Bay

HOW IT WORKS



Answer the question:

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



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)



Submit Online

Submission Deadline:

February 28, 2025

- Proposals are reviewed
- Implementation funding is awarded



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](https://www.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

\$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.

**Select 5th grade classes can apply with special permission.

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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