

Iredell Soil & Water Conservation District
Presents the 2020 - 2021



ESSAY CONTEST

Grade 6

THEME:

We All Live in a Watershed



Entry Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2021

Eligibility: All 6th grade students in Iredell County

Submissions: Submit essay entries via email to Education Coordinator, Anna Edwards at annaedwards.sw@gmail.com

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected on the District/County level. Awards will be presented in the Spring.

1st Place: \$25

2nd Place: \$15

3rd Place: \$10

Requirements: Along with the essay, please include: Student's first and last name, grade, home address, teacher's name, school, and District (Iredell).

Questions: Contact Anna Edwards, Education Coordinator at 704.873.6761 ext. 108 or annaedwards.sw@gmail.com

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ESSAY CONTEST RULES

The Essay Contest is sponsored by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD), which also set the rules.

The complete *Contests Handbook* can be found at www.iredellswcd.org. Click on *Education*, then *Contests*.

Theme: A set of five themes have been selected by the Association's Education Committee and adopted by the Association. These themes rotate on a yearly basis. The theme **does not** have to be written on the document.

2020-2021	We All Live in a Watershed
2021-2022	Soil & Water...Yours for Life
2022-2023	Water...the Cycle of Life
2023-2024	The Living Soil
2024-2025	Wetlands are Wonderful

Participant Eligibility: Open to 6th grade students.

Contest Cycle: Runs concurrently with the school year and takes place in participating Districts.

Contest Procedure: Contests will be conducted on the District, Area, and State levels. District First Place winner in local contests will be eligible to enter the Area contest. Each Area First Place winner will be eligible to enter the State contest. Each contest coordinator shall see that contestants and judges have a copy of the rules and shall urge them to study these rules, especially the sections on content, specifications and judging criteria.

All essays entered into District sponsored competitions become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these essays for promotion of the Conservation District essay program.

For clarification, the difference between an essay and a report, as applied to this contest, is as follows:

Essay- A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking.

Report - A formal presentation of facts in a report style..

Specifications: Essays must:

- Bear the current title of the essay contest.
- Be limited to 300 – 500 words. All words will be counted to reach the limit.
- Be presented on standard 8 ½” x 11” paper.

Essays must be identified by submitting the following information on the second page of the document:

- Student’s Name, Grade, Poster Title, Poster File Name, Student’s Address, Teacher’s Name, School, County (Iredell SWCD)

Judging Criteria: The Association has adopted a standard score sheet to be used for all contest levels.

Essays will be judged on content and writing skills as described on the score sheet, in addition to the following:

- Essays must be the work of the individual student.
- Essays may be either handwritten or typed on the computer.

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect length 5 points
- Current title not on essay 5 points
- Wrong paper size 2 points

Awards:

District Level (County) – 1st Place \$25, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to Area Level.)

Area Level (13 Counties in NW NC) –1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to State Level.)

State Level – 1st Place \$200.00, 2nd Place \$100.00