

# 22-23 CONSERVATION CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS: ESSAY CONTEST

## CONTEST THEME:

## WATER: THE CYCLE OF LIFE

Show off your creativity by participating in the 2022-2023 New Hanover Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation Creativity Contests.

We are looking for creative interpretations of just what it means when we say "**Water: The Cycle of Life.**" Students are encouraged to learn more about the water cycle and then use their creativity to tell others through an essay.

### Essay Contest Information:

- Eligible Grades: 6th to 12th grade (ages 11-18)
- Open to all public, private, and homeschool students in New Hanover County
- Open to student clubs (i.e. 4-H, FFA) in New Hanover County
- Entries must be submitted via email to [soilwater@nhcgov.com](mailto:soilwater@nhcgov.com). Educators may submit multiple student entries.

### Important Dates:

- Contest Entry Deadline: February 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Contest Winner Award Recognition Ceremony: TBD

### Prizes:

- There will be a 1st and 2nd place award in each grade category.
- **1st Place Winners:** Will receive a \$25 gift card, an Awards Certificate, and an invitation to the Award Recognition Ceremony
- **2nd Place Winners:** Will receive an Awards Certificate and an invitation to the Award Recognition Ceremony

**1st Place winners will move on to the regional competition and the possibility of bigger prizes!**



# ESSAY CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

All entries should reflect the year's theme (**Water: The Cycle of Life**) and be a representation of what the student feels best exemplifies this topic. Students are encouraged to be original in their essay. The judges will be looking for the entries that are educational and creative.

## Each Essay Contest Entry Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Participants must be in 6th grade thru 12th grade (age 11-18)
- Participants should not put their name or school on the front of the page.
- Participants should not put any identifying information (name, school, etc.) in the essay.
- **The maximum number of words is 500.**
- Entries should be sent as a **Microsoft Word or PDF document** on 8.5 x 11 inch paper using size 12 Times New Roman font. Lines should be double spaced.
- Essays should include a title.
- **The page immediately following the last page of the essay should contain the participant's identifying information (details below).**
- Essays must be the original work of the individual student. Teamwork is not allowed.
- **Essay entries shall be submitted electronically to [soilwater@nhcgov.com](mailto:soilwater@nhcgov.com) by the February 10th deadline for consideration.**

## IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (TO BE INCLUDED ON LAST PAGE)

**Contest:** Essay

**County:** New Hanover    **District:** New Hanover Soil & Water

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** 6th

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher or Educator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher or Educator's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_