

**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT****SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY 2026**

The EUWCD's goal for this year's scholarship contest is to highlight the talent and knowledge within the district while educating the public about the value of groundwater and the necessity of conserving and protecting water resources. There will be one winner per county (Frio, Atascosa, Wilson, & Karnes). Students should focus on their local region for information on aquifers and conservation of resources.

This year, the parameters of the Scholarship opportunity include:

Build a Campaign

You are a community manager advocating for a call to action on conserving resources for your county. You will need to create a campaign to educate community members. Create a digital poster (24x36 or 18x24) for your community using the following components:

1. Aquifer Science (Carrizo-Wilcox, Gulf Coast, Queen City, Yegua Jackson, & Sparta)
2. Aquifer importance/threats
3. Groundwater Conservation Districts
4. Conservation of Resources
5. Call to Action for Communities— How does **your** community depend on groundwater?

For useful links on each of these components, click [here](#).

Keep in mind the following while using information to create your campaign:

- Problems
- Targeted audience
- Strategy
- Overall Message
- Call to Action

Critical thinking questions:

- What is aquifer recharge and how do human implications create a conflict of interest between societies and groundwater?
- How can community officials work to preserve and educate members on the importance of conserving resources?

Make sure all sources are credited and materials used are copyright-free. Original pictures and artwork is encouraged.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The entrant must be a high school senior residing within the EUWCD jurisdiction. (Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, or Wilson county)
- The entrant must plan to enroll in a post-secondary or technical skills program for the fall of 2026.
- The entrant must submit an **original digital** poster (18x24) that meets the contest guideline, see above.
- The entrant must submit a copy of their high school transcript to be eligible.

Submission Guidelines:

- Create an 18x24 poster that follows the guidelines listed above regarding aquifer protection, conservation of resources, and underground water conservation districts.
- The poster must be submitted in pdf format.
- Use of facts, data, statistics, photos or any other resources used must be cited properly.

Judging Criteria:

Grading Rubric (100 points)	Target (16-20 Points)	Satisfactory (11-15 points)	Developing (6-10 points)	Needs Attention (0-5 points)
Content & Message	Accurate Information that is cited correctly and cohesive with strong understanding of criteria.	Information is accurate with limited	Unclear explanations with underdeveloped ideas	Information is inaccurate or misleading.
Conservation Awareness	Strong message of conservation of resources, aquifer protection, and action matters.	Clear Message, but could be stronger.	Conservation message is unclear	Conservation Message is missing
Aquifer Protection	Aquifer information and protection is clearly modeled and accurate.	Aquifer information is present, but some ideas are missing.	Aquifer protection information was inaccurate.	Information regarding aquifers was not present.
Underground Water Conservation Districts	Thoroughly explains the role and importance of Groundwater Conservation Districts	Mentions districts but information is limited	District information is inaccurate or unclear	Underground water conservation districts are not mentioned.
Creativity & Clarity	Projects encompass <u>original</u> multimedia with clear formatting. (Pictures, artwork, etc.)	Minor errors, but the message is clear and formatting is creative.	Multiple errors that take away from the effectiveness of the message.	Frequent misspelling errors with low clarity of ideas.

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How to submit:

- Fill out and submit the application (see below) along with the video submission.
- Send the .pdf file via email to info@evergreenuwcd.org with the subject line: 2026 Scholarship Submission- [Your Name]
- Submissions may also be delivered on a USB drive to 110 Wyoming Blvd. Pleasanton, TX 78064
- Submissions are **due by April 1, 2026 at 5:00pm.**
- Include a copy of your transcript.

**2026 Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District Scholarship Contest
Application**

Applicant Name			
Mailing Address			
Email Address		Phone #	
Current Enrollment (High School Name)		GPA	
County			

Anticipated Institution of Enrollment (Fall 2026)	
Major or Course of Study	

I attest that this submission constitutes my original work. I have full rights to the photos and understand that should I be selected for a scholarship the Evergreen UWCD will purchase the rights to my photos and content.

Signature

Date