



Central States Water Environment Association invites you to join the WATER'S WORTH IT campaign by writing a short essay

### Guidelines

- Students must reside in Illinois and be in grades 6-8
- Essay must be between 400-800 words
- Font size should be between 10-12 and be legible (ex: Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman)
- Essay must include:
  - Cover Page
  - Student's Name, Grade and School

### Awards and Prizes

- 1st Place: \$200
- 2nd Place: \$100
- Certificate of Achievement!
- Essay Published in Central States Water Magazine!
- Pizza Party for the class with the most submissions!!
- REGIONAL GRAND PRIZE: \$500

### Essay Topic: Water Careers

There are many rewarding careers that help conserve and protect our water. Some of these jobs include:

- Laboratory Technician
- Utility Manager/ Supervisor
- Wastewater Collections Operators
- Drinking Water Treatment
- Professional Engineer
- Academic Researcher
- Mechanic or Electrician
- Wastewater treatment operator

Using WEF <https://www.workforwater.org> career site or other resources select a career in the water sector and either research or write as if you are in a day in the life of that job. Your essay should describe the following aspects of the career:

#### Responsibilities

- What is the main objective of the career ?
- What are the day to day tasks?

#### Qualifications

- What education is required
- What certifications, licenses, or other training is required?
- What tools, softwares, or procedures must the worker be trained in?

#### Importance

- Why is this career important to protect water?
- How might the quality and availability of water change if this role didn't exist?

ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2025 TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <https://cswea.wufoo.com/forms/il-2025-waters-worth-it-essay-competition/>