

Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District

2024/2025 School Year

Scholarship Essay Contest Guidelines and Rules



The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District (GGCD) is sponsoring an essay contest and encourages all seniors within the District who plan to attend college to participate. The GGCD Essay Contest increases the awareness of groundwater issues by rewarding high school students for high quality research and writing. The scholarships will be distributed as follows:

- 1st place \$6,000
- 2nd place \$2,500
- 3rd place \$1,500

The scholarship can be applied towards tuition for any college, community college, or training institution. A panel of independent judges consisting of District staff will review all essays and score them based on content, accuracy of information, originality, grammar, quality of research, and style. Essays must discuss groundwater issues; however, applicants do not have to be planning a career path in a water related field to apply.

1) Eligibility

- a. The essay contest is open to high school seniors who will be attending college in the Fall of 2025. Students must currently be attending Glasscock County ISD.

2) Essay Guidelines

- a. Format:
 - i. Typed in Times New Roman font, double-spaced, 12-point text.
 - ii. The essay must have a **minimum** of 1,000 words.
 - iii. Please do not include images or photos. Graphs and maps are acceptable.
 - iv. References **must** accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page and footnotes must be used in the essay. Personal references are **not** allowed. Any essay that is submitted and does not include references or that is plagiarized will automatically be disregarded!
 - v. All pages of the essay must be numbered.
- b. Topic:

Studies have shown that drip irrigation systems are more efficient than most types of irrigation systems. Describe the components and advantages of the drip irrigation system.

3) Submission Guidelines

- a. A completed application form that contains the contestant's name and contact information should accompany each essay. Essays should be titled, but the contestant's name should **not** appear anywhere on the pages of the essay so that they may remain anonymous during the judging. (Upon arrival at the District Office, essays will be numbered, and the application will be separated from the essay. This is to ensure that judges will not know who authored the essay).

- b. Applications and essays may be stapled together and should **not** be put in a folder or slick report cover.
- c. The essays are due no later than **March 7, 2025**. They must be submitted by the due date to the student's school counselor by the close of school or the GGCD office at 132 N. Main St. Garden City, TX 79739 by 4pm.
- d. The school counselor or other staff are required to submit applications and essays to the District office no later than **March 7, 2025, by 4pm**.
- e. Applications that are submitted after March 7, 2025, at 4pm, will absolutely not be accepted under any circumstances.
- f. Only physical paper copies will be accepted. Applications and essays will not be accepted by fax or email under any circumstances.

4) Selection of Judges

- a. The Judges will be the District Staff.

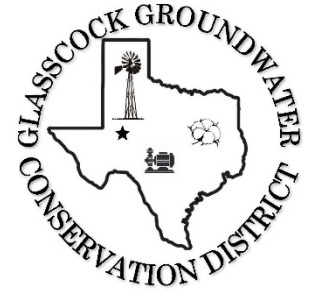
5) Awards

- a. Amounts:
1st place \$6,000, 2nd place \$2,500, and 3rd place \$1,500.
- b. Payments:
 - i. Scholarship will be paid to the college, university, or training institute of the winner's choice to be applied towards their education or training for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - ii. The winner must request that the District send payment for the total of his or her award by August 31, 2025, following the award of the scholarship. Otherwise, the award money will revert to the District.
 - iii. At the time of the request, if the winner is under 18, a letter of acknowledgement signed by the winner's parent or legal guardian must accompany the request.
 - iv. The request must be submitted in writing and contain the information of the college the winner will be attending, the address of the Registrar, and proof of registration for the college they are attending (must include the student's college ID #).
 - v. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse distribution of funds if the minimum guidelines and rules are not satisfied.
 - vi. In the event that the winning recipient does not attend college in the fall or follow through with all requirements, then the scholarship will be awarded to a runner-up from the disqualified students. The runners-up will be pre-selected by the judges while they are selecting the winning essays.

6) Winning Essays

- a. The District reserves the right to reprint in summary, part, or whole the winning essay of its scholarship contest and any photos of the winner.
- b. Winning essays from other essay contests may not be entered or re-entered in the GGCD scholarship contest.

GLASSCOCK GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR



THIS YEAR'S TOPIC:

Studies have shown drip irrigation systems to be more efficient than most types of irrigation systems. Describe the components and advantages of drip irrigation.

How to Apply:

- Visit our website at www.glasscock-groundwater.org
- Fill out application online or print and mail to Rhetta Hector. If filled out online, applications must be printed and sent by to the District office in person or by postal mail. PO Box 208, Garden City, TX 79739
- Applications will be accepted until March 7, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Requirements:

- High School Seniors actively enrolled at Glasscock County ISD.
- Must enroll in college for the Fall Semester directly following selection.

For more information, contact Rhetta Hector at

(432) 354-2430 or by email at

glasscockgroundwater@yahoo.com

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2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 7, 2025

Scholarship Amounts: 1st place \$6,000
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3rd place \$1,500

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant's Cell/Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____ Parent's Work Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship Contest. In addition, I grant permission to the GGCD to use part or all of my essay if it is a winner in any manner deemed appropriate by the District, which may include, but is not limited to, publication of the entire essay.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____