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**SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN BASTROP AND LEE COUNTIES:**  
*Essay Contest On Water Conservation*

[GIDDINGS, TEXAS | September 16, 2024] – The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Students are invited to submit essays on one of the following topics:

1. **Your Water Story:** Share what water means to you personally. This could be a memory, tradition, or experience that shaped how you view water in your daily life and in your community.
2. **Imagining the Future:** Write a creative short story that shows why conserving water today is essential for the generations of tomorrow. You can set it in the near future, far future, or even create a fictional world where water plays a central role. Imagine the consequences if we don't conserve our water, or the possibilities if we do.
3. **Water and Community Resilience:** Explore how your community depends on water and how it can adapt to challenges like population growth, climate change, or drought. What role can young people play in building a water-smart future?

The essay contest is open to all high school seniors who live or attend school in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Essays must be between 500 and 1,000 words in length and submitted in PDF format by November 22, 2025, to Claire Marks at [cmarks@lostpineswater.org](mailto:cmarks@lostpineswater.org). Essays should be typed, double-spaced, and formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins on all sides. Each submission must include a cover page with the essay title, student's name, school, contact email, and phone number. For all details go to <http://bit.ly/3JRX34e>

The top three essays will be awarded scholarships, with the first-place winner receiving a \$500 scholarship, second place a \$300 scholarship, and third place a \$200 scholarship. Winners will be announced on December 10, 2025, and recognized at the LPGCD Public Board Meeting on December 17, 2025.

**ABOUT THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is dedicated to the protection and conservation of groundwater resources in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Through educational programs, community outreach, and strategic resource management, the District strives to ensure sustainable water supplies for current and future generations.

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For more information on this topic, please contact Claire Marks at (512) 360-5088 or [cmarks@lostpineswater.org](mailto:cmarks@lostpineswater.org).

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