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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN BASTROP AND LEE COUNTIES:**

*Essay Contest On Water Conservation*

[GIDDINGS, TEXAS | September 3, 2024] – The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. High school seniors are invited to submit essays on one of the following topics: the importance of water conservation in their community, the role and sustainability of groundwater in local water supplies amidst changing climate conditions, or effective strategies for managing droughts and their impacts in the face of climate change. Essays should address the significance of the chosen topic, discuss current challenges, and propose practical solutions or strategies.

The essay contest is open to all high school seniors residing in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Essays must be between 500 and 1,000 words in length and submitted in PDF format by November 22nd, 2024, to Claire Marks at [cmarks@lostpineswater.org](mailto:cmarks@lostpineswater.org). The 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. All submissions must be original works of the students. Any form of plagiarism, including the use of AI tools like ChatGPT to write the essay, will result in disqualification. However, students are encouraged to use credible sources and must cite them in MLA or APA format.

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 11th, 2024, and recognized at the LPGCD Public Board Meeting on December 18th, 2024.

**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](mailto:cmarks@lostpineswater.org) at [\(512\) 360-5088](tel:5123605088) or [cmarks@lostpineswater.org](mailto:cmarks@lostpineswater.org).

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