



GET YOUR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELP THEM
EARN CASH WHILE EARNING MATCHING DOLLARS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITH
CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS.

Dear Educator,

WIN CASH AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT WITH CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS!

Caring for Our Watersheds gives students a chance to get creative, earn money, and see their ideas become reality. This international competition asks **Grade 7-12 students** to submit an essay proposal that answers the question, “**What can you do to improve your watershed?**” and provides over **\$11,000** in prizes for the best ideas in Southern Alberta. Students are given the opportunity to research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern and come up with a creative, realistic solution.

For educators, *Caring for Our Watersheds* provides the chance to earn funds for your classroom, interact with industry mentors and experts on environmental issues, and develop projects with **real-world results**. Resources are available to help you guide students through the process of identifying a watershed issue, developing a realistic solution, and crafting a winning proposal. Students can work individually or in groups of up to four, and curriculum connections for the Alberta Program of Study make it easy to incorporate the contest into your science or social studies class.

UP TO \$6,000 IN STUDENT REWARDS

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600
6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300

SCHOOLS RECEIVE MATCHING REWARDS

- Schools receive **\$100** for every **10 entries** (based on the first 500 entries).
- All finalists win **matching** cash awards for their school.
- Last year, one Calgary school earned over **\$4500** in cash for classroom supplies!!!
- Schools and teachers must be registered for prize eligibility – don’t miss out on prizes! [Click Here](#) to register your school



IN-CLASS PRESENTATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Contact me for a **FREE** in-class presentation on the *Caring for Our Watersheds* Contest. This engaging class-length session will introduce students to the Bow River watershed and the challenges and opportunities we all face as “citizens of the watershed”. [Click Here](#) to request an in-class presentation.
- **We have also created an easy to follow Student Workbook which introduces your students to their local watershed and guides them through the whole process. Click [here](#) to access the student workbook.**

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Students are encouraged to implement their ideas. Funding is available to help cover the cost of the project. Student finalists will also have the chance to work with industry and environmental mentors to make their ideas reality.
- Every year a student’s idea is implemented internationally. In 2013, over 300 rain barrels were given away. In 2014, all participating schools were entered to win a free water bottle filling station.

IMPORTANT DATES

- The Southern Alberta **contest entry deadline is March 22th, 2018** with a final competition on **April 28th, 2018 at Ralph Klein Park.**
- Free In-class presentations are available **NOW!**

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the program please visit: www.caringforourwatersheds.com. Click on Locations/Southern Alberta for details of this specific contest.

Questions? Contact me at **403-993-2258** or by email at Barbara.Kowalzik@calgary.ca

Regards,
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