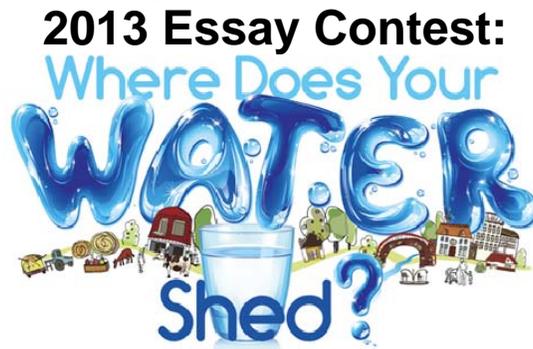


Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District



**Open to 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular body of water such as a river or a lake. Rain that falls anywhere in that watershed eventually flows to a body of water. The water may travel over land as surface water or flow underground as groundwater.

**Contest Rules:**

- The essay topic for this year is "Where Does Your Water Shed?"
- Essay should be 350-400 words for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders; 600-750 words for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Essays must be typed or hand written (in ink) on one side of the paper
- You **MUST** have a **TITLE** page as your first page with the following information: **student name; home mailing address; name of school; name of teacher; and grade level**
- **Essays should address the following questions:**
  1. **What is a watershed?**
  2. **How do people affect the watershed?**
  3. **What can you do to protect your watershed?**
  4. **What activities cause changes in water quality in your watershed?**
  5. **What watershed do you live in?**

**3 awards in each grade level- \$50 cash prize per student**

**Special "thank you" gifts for teachers of award winners**

**Deadline: 4:30 PM on Monday, April 1, 2013**

**Please mail or hand-deliver entries to:  
Essay Contest**

**Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District  
301 University Ridge, Ste. 4800  
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