



## *Essay Contest*

### **Rules:**

The Essay Contest is open to any 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in Anderson County. Essays are the original work of the individual student and should be 500-750 words in length. Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten on the front side of the paper only. Only legible essays will be considered. Each essay should have the provided cover letter attached to the front, students' names **should not** appear on the essay itself. Each teacher must select **ONLY the three best essays** in his/her class for judging.

### **Topic Guidelines:**

A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays and the ocean. Those bodies of water are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of one water. It is important to understand what a watershed is and why we should work to take care of our waterways. Watersheds can be any size and usually have high points of land like hills, mountains or ridges. These high points eventually feed down to lower points and then into the ocean. Hypothetically speaking, you could follow a water drop all the way from the mountains to the ocean! From the top of the mountain, all the way down to the coast, it is all one water.

### **Prizes:**

Winners from each grade level will be awarded certificates and monetary prizes.

**Deadline: Friday March 24th, 2023**



All essays should be received at the Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District office by the deadline. This can be via email or hard copies. Please contact Anaston Porter if you have any questions or need further information.

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist (all items must be met in order to be judged):**

- Essay is my original work
- Essay is between 500 – 750 words in length
- Essay is typed or handwritten only on the front side of the paper
- My name only appears on the cover letter, not on/in the Essay