



CARING FOR OUR  
**Watersheds**<sup>®</sup>  
Ohio

# HOW IT WORKS



Answer the question:

## What can you do to improve your watershed?

### Identify the Problem

- **Research** your watershed and identify an environmental concern
- Work in a group of up to 4 students



### What's your Solution?

- Come up with **one realistic solution**
- Explain your idea in approximately 1,000 word proposal (include visuals)
- **Solutions are judged** on innovation, impact potential, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution, visuals, and connection to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



### Submit Online

Proposal Deadline:

**January 26, 2024**

- Every student gets a gift
- Judges select 10 finalists



### Finalists Competition

- Community mentor provided
- 5 minute presentation
- Chance to **win \$1,000** for yourself and \$1,000 for your **school/club**



## \$10,000

### Implementation Funding

All realistic entries are eligible.  
If you want to take action,  
**we can help make it happen!**

Free watershed presentations, mentorship and funding is available.  
Proposal guidelines can be found at [CaringForOurWatersheds.com](https://www.CaringForOurWatersheds.com)



## FINALIST AWARDS

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

## SCHOOL/CLUB AWARDS

**\$11,000 available**

In each contest, all finalists win cash for themselves plus a matching cash prize for their school or registered non-profit club. Schools/clubs are also eligible for \$100 for every 10 entries they submit to the contest.

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

**\$10,000 available**

To share between realistic entries. Both finalists and non-finalists are welcome to apply.

## ELIGIBILITY

**CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS: Ohio** is open to students in **Grade 9–12** who **live within the Ohio state borders**.

## DEADLINES

**January 26, 2024** – Contest entry deadline

**April 27, 2024** – Final competition

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\*The Program Coordinator reserves the right to change or adjust reward amounts and contest deadlines based on the level of participation. The first 500 students will receive a participation reward. The first 500 entries will receive a school/club reward. Restrictions may apply.

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