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Mojave Water Agency scholarship entries closing soon

Apple Valley, CA — Local high school students have until Oct. 25 to win up to \$3,000 in scholarship funding as part of the Mojave Water Agency’s Student Essay Contest. This year’s theme is “Evaluating desert drought conditions.”

“This is a great opportunity for high school students to share their own ideas on significant decisions California is facing,” said Board President Mike Page. “As part of our larger Water Summit event, the essay contest is a way for students to polish their public speaking skillset, improve their literary prowess, and offer valuable insight on water-related issues.”

Essays should include how the narrative on the drought shapes the public opinion on conservation and share some creative steps we can take to help conserve water in our home, schools, and businesses beyond traditional practices. A winning essay will demonstrate creativity, be well-sourced, and conform to all of the essay contest rules.

The top three finalists will be assigned a community mentor or coach to help them prepare a verbal presentation on Jan. 4 at 5 p.m. in front of a small audience and panel of judges. The essay contest winner will earn a scholarship of \$3,000 and must present his or her essay at the 2024 Innovators High Desert Water Summit on Feb. 9 at the High Desert Church campus in Victorville. The other two finalists will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000.

Registration and complete essay contest rules are available at <https://www.mojavewater.org/conservation/water-university/water-summit/>.

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