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Student Video Contest Focuses on Finding and Fixing Household Leaks to Help Tri-City Customers Achieve Long-Term Water Efficiency

Fremont, Calif. – Alameda County Water District’s fifth annual WaterClips Student Video Contest is tapping into the talent of local youth to help educate customers about finding and fixing household leaks, accounting for more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes. Students in grades 6-12 who attend a school in Fremont, Newark or Union City can enter the contest to win scholarships up to \$500. Entries are accepted now through March 1, 2024.

Each qualifying entry should be a fun, educational and engaging 30 second video on this year's contest theme, “Finding and Fixing Household Leaks.”

ACWD will award six scholarships worth \$500, \$250 and \$100 to students in two groups, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Individual or group entries are accepted.

Teachers can also win! Classroom scholarships will be given to teachers in both groups, sponsoring the most student submissions or the winning videos. Teachers who sponsor the winning videos will be awarded classroom scholarships worth \$500, \$250 and \$100.

“Today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders, and for the last four years, we’ve recognized amazing talent for top-notch educational videos,” said ACWD Board President Paul Sethy. “I’m continuously impressed by the quality of student videos that highlight water challenges and solutions pertinent to our service area and the future of water.”

ACWD will announce the winners at a board meeting in spring 2024, followed by a special awards reception. In addition, local movie theaters will show winning entries in advance of feature films in late May.

Over the past four years, ACWD's student video contest generated over 200 entries from students in schools throughout the Tri-City area and awarded more than \$5,500 in scholarships to students and teachers.

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“This contest is a vital component of our water education program,” added Sethy. “For decades, we have brought water education to the Tri-Cities and partnered with area schools, parents and students.”

For more information about the WaterClips Student Video Contest, visit acwd.org/waterclips or email waterclips@acwd.com.

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Since 1914, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the 344,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit www.acwd.org.

