



# Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Texas Conservation Awards Program

### Essay Contest



**SUBJECT: “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?”**

Junior: Ages 13 and under — (Maximum of 300 words)

Senior: Ages 14 to 18 — (Maximum of 500 words)

All essay entries must be received by the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District by **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**. Essays will be judged by the Kerr County SWCD Board Members to find **Local Winners**. *The local winners must allow the Kerr County SWCD to photograph them.* **Local Winners** will be featured on the district’s website, facebook, newsletter, and local newspapers. They will also be submitted for an **Area Competition**. **Area Winners** will be recognized at the 42nd Texas Conservation Awards Program in Wall, TX and will be submitted for a **State Competition**. **State Winners** will be recognized at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of District Directors in Galveston, TX.

**Local Winners Will Receive:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50 cash    2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25 cash**

Return Entries to:

Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District  
2104 Memorial Boulevard, Suite #103  
Kerrville, Texas 78028

-or- Call Missie Dreiss to pick up your 4-H or school’s entries!

(830) 739-7476 or [missie@kerrcountyswcd.com](mailto:missie@kerrcountyswcd.com) [www.kerrcountyswcd.com](http://www.kerrcountyswcd.com)

Please visit the following website for additional resources, information will be listed under “Important Updates” on the right side: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/programs/public-information-and-education>. You may also contact your local soil and water conservation district for additional information.

### CHECKLIST:

- Entry is typed, follows the topic and is meets the maximum allotment of words (stated above)
- Entry includes cover sheet with the following items listed:
  - O *Age Division: either Junior or Senior*
  - O *Participant Name*
  - O *Participant’s Guardian Name*
  - o *Participant Mailing Address and phone number*
  - o *Participant’s School*
  - o **\*\*SWCD use only: please include SWCD name & number\*\***

**PROCESS:** The essay is to be submitted to local soil and water conservation districts for judging. Locate your local district here: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/swcds/locatormap>. Each local district will judge the entries and submit two essays in each age division to the Area Judging Committee for competition on the area level. Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners on the area level and state winners will be selected from the area winners. This contest is open to students 18 years and under, and who are considered eligible under Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility requirements.

**JUDGING:** Follow the topic set for the year, 2020 is “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?” Include soil and water conservation practices as they relate to the topic. Make your writing interesting to the reader and that your ideas are clear and easy for to follow. Finally, check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences.

**NOTE TO DISTRICTS:** It is required that at least **one quality, digital photograph** is provided of each winner for the awards banquet.

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