2020 High School Photo Contest

Presented by Sweetwater Authority

This year’s contest challenges students to creatively showcase and celebrate through photography the many ways we use water every day. Water supports our daily lives. It flows into our homes, helping to quench our thirst, cook and clean. Outdoors, water supports the landscapes and habitats we depend on for a healthy environment. Water also serves our communities, from making parks and pools possible to delivering water for firefighting. Local businesses depend on water to produce the goods and provide the services we all depend on. Everywhere we look, water is playing an important role.

**Theme:** Water in Daily Life

**Prizes:**
1st place - $400  
2nd place - $300  
3rd place - $200

**Location:** Within Sweetwater River Watershed and/or Sweetwater Authority’s Service Area (see map to the right)

**Categories:** Color and Black & White. Students can submit up to three (3) photos in each category.

**Submit:** Email photo(s) and forms to SWAphotocontest2020@gmail.com

**Deadline:** February 1, 2020 by 5p.m.

**Entry Form:** Entry forms and image release forms available at www.sweetwater.org/photocontest

**Questions?** Contact Gwyneth Shoecraft at gshoecraft@sweetwater.org or 619-409-6722

Sweetwater Authority provides safe, reliable drinking water to residents and businesses in National City, Bonita and Chula Vista.

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**Contest Rules**

1. Photo contest is available to high school students who live in or attend school in Sweetwater Authority’s service area.

2. Photos must be taken within Sweetwater Authority’s service area (see map below) and/or the Sweetwater River Watershed during 2019-2020.

3. Each photo must include a short essay (50-100 words) on how the photo relates to the contest theme.

4. Students must submit a completed and signed entry form for each entered photo. Blank submission forms are available at www.sweetwater.org/photocontest. Submissions must be emailed to SWAphotocontest2020@gmail.com.

5. Photos showing recognizable individuals must submit a signed image release for each person. Forms are available at www.sweetwater.org/photocontest.

6. Photos may be in color or black & white. Each student can submit up to three (3) photos in each category for a total of six (6) submissions.

7. Photos must be in JPEG form, 10 MB or less, and 300 PPI resolution. Photos must be sized to 8x10 inches.

8. Photos may be edited for minor adjustments only, and must retain a natural and realistic appearance.

9. Photos must be emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2020

10. Judging will be performed by a panel of Sweetwater Authority staff and community expert(s). Judging criteria is creativity, technical quality, adherence to the theme, visual appeal, and the narrative to explain the significance of the photo.