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September 18, 2018

**RE: Invitation to participate in the 41st Texas Conservation Award Program
Essay Writing Contest**

Deadline to Submit Entries: December 31, 2018

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The Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) would like to invite you to take part in our 2019 Texas Conservation Awards Program by participating in our essay writing contest.

Why participate? This year's participating **First Place High School Senior** local winner will receive a \$500 Scholarship on behalf of the Starr County Soil & Water Conservation District. The conservation award program provides competition and incentives to expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development, and increase the wise utilization of our renewable natural resources. As a result, soil and water conservation districts and both urban citizens of Texas are benefited.

Essay Topic: "Life in Soil: Dig Deeper" Maximum of 500 words

Category: Ages 14- 18

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TYPED



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Essay Deadline and Info:

Essay entries must be submitted no later than December 31, 2018 for judging by the Starr County Soil & Water Conservation District judging committee to advance and be judged at an area level. The state winners will each be presented a plaque at the Annual State meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. First, second, and third place winners will be named.

Age Requirements: This contest is open to students 14 - 18 years of age, and who are considered eligible.

Things to remember when writing:

- Write about soil and water conservation practices
- Make your writing interesting to the reader
- Make sure that each sentence you write helps the reader understand the essay
- Make sure that your ideas are clear and easy for the reader to follow
- Write about your ideas in detail
- Check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

Additional Requirement for Participants:

Each entry must have an Essay Contest Cover Sheet Entry form signed by the participant's guardian name, address and phone number where the participant can be reached.



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2019 Essay Writing Judging Panel Entry Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Essay Topic: Life in Soil “Dig Deeper”, judges will be required to read and score submitted essays for the 41st Texas Conservation Award Program Essay Writing Contest and select the **top two** essays to advance and compete at area level. **Senior** 1st place winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship on behalf of the Starr County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Essays will be submitted from High School students within our District ages 14 – 18.