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2026 High School Video/Photo Contest

A great resume or college application builder! *

Students…

West View Water Authority is conducting its 8th annual video/photo contest open to all high schools in our service area. You can submit a creative video or photo or photo collage! Produce and enter an original, short educational or informational video or photo from one of the three categories below for a chance to win a monetary prize. *Be creative!*

- Water
- The Environment
- School Spirit (Something unique about your school or club)

The top 3 winners will be featured on the West View Water Authority website and Facebook page and will also receive the following prize.

- **1st Place - $1,000**
- **2nd Place - $750**
- **3rd Place - $500**

Submission deadline is Monday, October 12, 2026!

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Official Rules

West View Water Authority is challenging all high school students and amateur filmmakers and/or photographers within the service area to create videos or photos educating and informing the public on different topics related to water, the environment, or school spirit. All high school students' grades 9-12 are eligible and can submit a video/photo individually or as a team effort. *Only 1 video/photo per person or team*. A primary contact must be designated per entry. The prize will be given to the primary contact to be divided up by the participants on their own terms. The winner will be chosen by a panel from West View Water Authority. Winners will receive monetary prizes in addition to having their videos / photos featured on the West View Water Authority's website and Facebook page. This contest is an opportunity for high school students to publicly showcase their creativity, communication, and filmmaking/photography skills--a great resume/college application builder!

Video Details

- **No more than 3 minutes in length**
  - **.mp4 or .m4v (MPEG-4)**
  - **.wmv (Windows Media Video)**
  - **.mpg**
- **The maximum upload size is 256MB**
- **1 video per person/ team**
  - **Must designate a primary contact--If a team wins, the prize will be given to the primary contact, to be divided up by the participants on their own terms.**
- **All videos must be educational, informative and appropriate or they will not be considered.**

Photo Details

- **Submit a photo or create a collage, be creative with this!!**
- **Include a caption or description with the photo – Title, where photo was taken, etc.**
- **1 entry per person/ team**
- **All photos must be educational, informative and appropriate or they will not be considered.**

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How to Enter

All entries can be sent via email to Heather Haney at hhaney@westviewwater.org.

Please include all names, a *primary contact*, grades, the name of the high school you attend, and acknowledgement of the disclosures written below.

Submission Deadline

Monday, October 12, 2026 (5pm EST) is the last day to submit videos/photos. The winners are to be announced late October or early November and will be notified via e-mail after voting has concluded.

Disclosures

The contributor allows West View Water Authority, nonexclusive permission to use, copy, and distribute the submitted video/photo. The contributor acknowledges that receipt of prize money constitutes payment in full for this permission, without further consent or compensation. The contributor acknowledges that no copyrighted material has been used and that the entry was student-created.

By entering a video or photo, you agree to all the rules, requirements, and disclosures listed above

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet

1. **How long does the video have to be?**
   The video can be no longer than 3 minutes in length to qualify for the contest.

2. **Can I work with other people?**
   Yes. Entries can be submitted individually, or as a group/team. Only 1 entry per person or group. A primary contact must be designated per entry. The prize will be given to the primary contact and to be divided up by the participants on their own terms.

3. **How many videos or photos can I submit?**
   You may only submit 1 video or photo per person or group/team. Additional submissions will not be considered.

4. **What does my entry have to be about?**
   Inform or educate us on one of these 3 categories when creating a video or photograph entry: *Be Creative!*
   - Water
   - The Environment
   - School Spirit (What is unique about your school or club?)

5. **Where do I submit the video or photograph?**
   All entries must be emailed to Heather Haney at hhaney@westviewwater.org no later than October 12, 2026, at 5 PM EST. Please include your name(s), the primary contact, grade(s), and school name, and acknowledgement of the disclosures.

6. **When is the deadline to submit a video?**
   The deadline for submission is October 12, 2026, at 5PM EST. No exceptions!

7. **Does my entry have to be about water?**
   No. The videos/photos do not need to be related to or mention water. We are looking for the best entries which are informative, educational, creative, and on topic (see categories). However, we are a water authority, so take that into consideration!

8. **What format does my video have to be in?**
   - .mp4 or .m4v (MPEG-4)
   - .wmv (Windows Media Video)
   - .mpg
   - Maxiumum upload size of 256MB
   - No more than 3 minutes in length

9. **My question is not listed, who should I contact?**
   You can contact Heather Haney at hhaney@westviewwater.org with any questions you may still have about the contest.