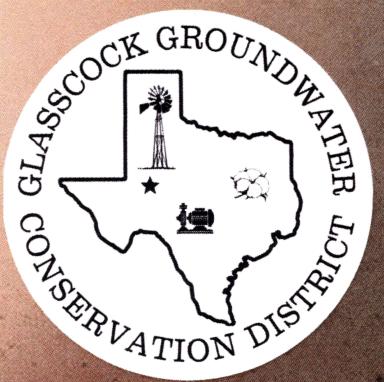


# ZOMBIE WELL

A zombie well is a plugged oil well that has failed to be properly sealed or has come unplugged, allowing oil & its chemicals to flow underground and reach the surface.



## THIS YEARS TOPIC

What are the risks to our water when a zombie well comes back to life?

Applications can be submitted in person, by postal mail or given to Mrs. Fryar.

Emails are **not** accepted.

Essays & applications are required to be submitted no later than 4 pm on Friday, March 6, 2026.

For more information, visit our website at

[www.glasscock-groundwater.org](http://www.glasscock-groundwater.org) or call the District office at (432) 354-2430



# Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District 2025-2026 School Year Scholarship Essay Contest Guidelines and Rules



The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District (GGCD) is sponsoring an essay contest and encourages all seniors within the District who plan to attend college to participate. The GGCD Essay Contest increases the awareness of groundwater issues by rewarding high school students for high quality research and writing. The scholarships will be distributed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place \$6,000

2<sup>nd</sup> place \$2,500

3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,500

The scholarship can be applied towards tuition for any college, community college, or training institution. A panel of independent judges consisting of District staff will review all essays and score them based on content, accuracy of information, originality, grammar, quality of research, and style. Essays must discuss groundwater issues; however, applicants do not have to be planning a career path in a water related field to apply.

## 1) Eligibility

- a. The essay contest is open to high school seniors who will be attending college in the Fall of 2026. Students must currently be attending Glasscock County ISD.

## 2) Essay Guidelines

### a. Format:

- i. Typed in Times New Roman font, double-spaced, 12-point text.
- ii. The essay must have a minimum of 1,000 words.
- iii. Please do not include images or photos. Graphs and maps are acceptable.
- iv. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page and footnotes must be used in the essay. Personal references are not allowed. Any essay that is submitted and does not include references or that is plagiarized will automatically be disregarded!
- v. All pages of the essay must be numbered.

### b. Topic:

A zombie well is a plugged oil well that has failed to be properly sealed or has come unplugged, allowing oil and its chemicals to flow underground and reach the surface. What are the risks to our water when a zombie well comes back to life?

## 3) Submission Guidelines

- a. A completed application form that contains the contestant's name and contact information should accompany each essay. Essays should be titled, but the contestant's name should not appear anywhere on the pages of the essay so that they may remain anonymous during the judging. (Upon arrival at the District Office,

- essays will be numbered, and the application will be separated from the essay. This is to ensure that judges will not know who authored the essay).
- b. Applications and essays may be stapled together and should not be put in a folder or slick report cover.
  - c. The essays are due no later than **March 6, 2026**. They must be submitted by the due date to the student's school counselor by the close of school or the GGCD office at 132 N. Main St. Garden City, TX 79739 by 4pm.
  - d. The school counselor or other staff are required to submit applications and essays to the District office no later than **March 6, 2026, by 4pm**.
  - e. Applications that are submitted after March 6, 2026, at 4pm, will absolutely not be accepted under any circumstances.
  - f. Only physical paper copies will be accepted. Applications and essays will not be accepted by fax or email under any circumstances.
  - g. If the applicant is sending their essay by postal mail, it must be delivered before the deadline stated above. The District is not responsible for delays or errors in delivery.

**4) Selection of Judges**

- a. The Judges will be the District Staff.

**5) Awards**

- a. Amounts:  
1<sup>st</sup> place \$6,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$2,500, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,500.
- b. Payments:
  - i. Scholarships will be paid to the college, university, or training institute of the winner's choice to be applied towards their education or training for the 2026-2027 school year.
  - ii. The winner must request that the District send payment for the total of his or her award by August 31, 2026, following the award of the scholarship. Otherwise, the award money will revert to the District.
  - iii. At the time of the request, if the winner is under 18, a letter of acknowledgement signed by the winner's parent or legal guardian must accompany the request.
  - iv. The request must be submitted in writing and contain the information of the college the winner will be attending, the address of the Registrar, and proof of registration for the college they are attending (must include the student's college ID #).
  - v. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse distribution of funds if the minimum guidelines and rules are not satisfied.
  - vi. In the event that the winning recipient does not attend college in the fall or follow through with all requirements, then the scholarship will be awarded to a runner-up from the disqualified students. The runners-up will be pre-selected by the judges while they are selecting the winning essays.

**6) Winning Essays**

- a. The District reserves the right to reprint in summary, part, or whole the winning essay of its scholarship contest and any photos of the winner.
- b. Winning essays from other essay contests may not be entered or re-entered in the GGCD scholarship contest.

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## 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 6, 2026

Scholarship Amounts: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$6,000  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$2,500  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,500

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship Contest. In addition, I grant permission to the GGCD to use part or all of my essay if it is a winner in any manner deemed appropriate by the District, which may include, but is not limited to, publication of the entire essay.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_