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Schreiner, Texas Water Symposium sponsor essay contest

The Texas Water Symposium, a joint initiative of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio and the Hill Country Alliance, has announced its first student essay contest for elementary school (grades 3-5), middle school and high school students. School districts can enter up to three essays from each school in the district on the subject of "Kids, Water and Science: Perspectives from Our Future." Winners from each category will be recognized at this year's final symposium on March 25 at Schreiner.

Elementary and middle school winners will receive prizes such as a science kit, books, microscope set and certificates. High school winners will receive scholarships to Schreiner University. The first place high school essayist will receive a \$4,000 scholarship (\$1,000 annually for four years); second place will receive \$2,000 (\$500 annually for four years); and third place will be awarded \$1,000 (\$250 annually for four years).

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students throughout the Hill Country not only to learn about the water issues that impact us all, but also to offer their voices and insights to the conversation," Dr. Charlie McCormick, Schreiner's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 10, and entries should be sent to Charlie McCormick, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Kerrville, TX 78028.

For more information and entry forms, call or e-mail Dr. McCormick at 830-792-7351 or ctmccormick@schreiner.edu. For more information about the Texas Water Symposium and Schreiner University, visit the Schreiner Web site at www.schreiner.edu.