



## Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority is sponsoring an Imagine a Day Without Water Essay contest for 6-12 grade Cherokee County students.



**\$50 Prize for winning essay**



This year, our country has faced an enormous public health crisis from the coronavirus pandemic. Throughout this emergency, water and wastewater systems kept the water flowing in homes, hospitals, and essential businesses. This crisis demonstrated the critical role that water and wastewater systems play in their communities, protecting public health, safeguarding the environment, and making a healthy economy possible. Millions of Americans take water service for granted every day. Turn on the tap and clean water flows out. Flush the toilet and dirty water goes away. Washing our hands regularly is one of the most important steps to take to limit the spread of coronavirus, and we usually don't stop to think about the impressive infrastructure and treatment required to make sure the water comes out when you open the tap, or safely returns water to the environment from your sink.

Today, we Imagine a Day Without Water. It's a day to pause and notice the way that water systems impact our lives and communities, and commit to ensuring a sustainable water future for generations to come. **What would your day be like if you couldn't turn on the tap and get clean drinking water, or if you flushed the toilet and wastewater didn't go anywhere? What would happen to restaurants, hospitals, firefighters, farms. or the hundreds of industries that depend on water?**

The essay should answer one or more of the questions above clearly and precisely. We encourage you to get creative with your essay! Grammar and spelling will be taken into account during judging. Make sure you cite all outside information. Check out this video and other the Value of Water videos for inspiration—

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2&v=fYnqtYTFYDI&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=fYnqtYTFYDI&feature=emb_title)

### Essay contest information

Open to all Cherokee County students (including homeschool) 6 –1 2 grade.

- Essay should be a minimum of 250 words and maximum of 600 words.
- Must use Times New Roman 12 pt.
- Entries must include student's name, grade, school and parent contact information.
- Deadline— October 16th, 2020
- Send entries to [lori.forrester@ccwsa.com](mailto:lori.forrester@ccwsa.com)



**19**  
gallons of water are  
required to grow  
just one apple.

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