



## WEST INTERLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

### WIWD \$750.00 Scholarship Application Form

#### ESSAY SUBJECT:

"Small Actions, Big Impact: At-Home Climate Solutions for the West Interlake Watershed"

#### In the Essay:

- Propose practical actions or small-scale solutions that can be implemented at homes, farms, or rural properties to support climate adaptation and mitigation in the West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD).
- Identify local environmental challenges (e.g., flooding, drought, excess runoff, soil degradation) and explain how your proposed actions help reduce these risks.
- Consider solutions such as water retention, runoff reduction, soil improvement, and natural landscaping, or other creative approaches.
- Describe the environmental and community benefits, including impacts on water quality, water conservation, and resilience to extreme weather.
- Explain how these actions can encourage broader community participation and stewardship across the watershed.
- Ensure your ideas align with WIWD's priorities: improving water management, soil health, and climate resilience.
- Include a brief personal reflection on your connection to the region and how climate change has influenced your perspective.

#### FORMAT:

3–5 pages, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt. No citations required.

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#### EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- **Practicality & Feasibility:** Clear, realistic actions that can be implemented at home or on the property within the West Interlake region.
- **Creativity:** Originality and creativity in approaching common environmental challenges.
- **Watershed Impact:** Potential to improve water quality/quantity, reduce runoff, enhance soil health, and build resilience to flooding and drought.
- **Community Value:** Potential for the idea to be adopted by other households, landowners, or communities across the watershed.
- **Alignment:** Relevance to core goals—water management, soil health, climate adaptation/mitigation.
- **Personal Insight:** Demonstrated connection and commitment to environmental stewardship.



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**Submission Deadline: June 1, 2026**

Once completed, please email this application form along with your essay to **contact@wiwd.ca**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at **204.762.5850**.

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### **Student information:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Which high school do you currently attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Legal land description: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Eligibility**

I confirm that I am a graduating grade 12 student and residing within the West Interlake Watershed District boundaries.

To verify your residency within the district, you can check our interactive map here <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/90713dfec03b47d6a754628191cbeb4a/page/Page>

To view the watershed district boundaries, follow these steps:

- 1) Under "Layer List", check "Water"
  - 2) Then, check "Watershed Subdistricts" and "Watershed Districts" to display the boundaries.
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