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## **West Basin Scholarship Program Supports Students Interested in Water Careers**

*Board of Directors Program to Give Scholarships toward College Tuition*

The West Basin Municipal Water District ("West Basin") Board of Directors is proud to sponsor their inaugural Board of Directors Scholarship Program. Up to two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded within each West Basin division, 5 divisions in total. This program is open to graduating high school seniors living within the West Basin service area who have been accepted into a trade school, junior college, or university. The program aims to nurture student interest in potential water industry careers and recognize scholastic achievement and community service.

"This scholarship program is a great stepping stone for high school students interested in working in the water industry," said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear. "We're interested in supporting the talents of young people throughout our service area."

To apply, students must complete and submit the official application with a 500-word essay describing the applicant's knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of current and future water issues, describe how water will be integrated into their field

of study, and the reason the applicant would like to work in the water industry.

Additional guidelines for the scholarship can be found in the application packet.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. (PST) on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 by email, standard mail, fax, or hand delivered to West Basin's office in Carson. The award will include a Certificate of Achievement and a one-time \$1,000 cash scholarship for use toward tuition or books.

For additional information, and to download a copy of the application, please visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) or call 310-660-6216.