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National Special Districts Coalition Promotes High School Civics in Scholarship Contest

BELMONT, CA (February, 2022) – “As a California Special District dedicated to self governance by its rate payers since its beginning in 1929, the MPWD is proud to bring this opportunity to our local high school students. It fosters an awareness of local government at a young age and encourages students to gain an understanding of the essential services special districts provide in their communities,” says MPWD General Manager, Tammy Rudock.

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) is promoting a scholarship contest for high school students designed to encourage young people to engage with local government to enhance their civics education.

The scholarships are designed as awards for a student video contest operated through the coalition’s public awareness campaign “Districts Make the Difference.” The campaign originated with the California Special Districts Association and was expanded nationally by NSDC. This is the first year the scholarship video contest will include all 50 U.S. states.

High school students grades 9 to 12 are asked to submit a short video (60 seconds or less) that provides a glimpse into the essential services provided by special districts in the United States. There are more than 30,000 special districts in the U.S., and they include a wide variety of services specific to their community’s needs. Examples include some fire districts, water districts, mosquito abatement districts, recreation and park districts, cemetery districts, and more.

The top three vote-winners will receive scholarship money of up to \$2,000 based on their placement, as well as an additional \$500 for their chosen teacher.



1st Place: **\$2,000 Scholarship**
2nd Place: **\$1,000 Scholarship**
3rd Place: **\$500 Scholarship**



Show us how Special Districts
make a difference!

Submission Period: February 1-March 31, 2022

Students can visit the Districts Make the Difference website to watch past years’ video submissions and learn more about the guidelines for this year’s contest. Districts Make The Difference also provides promotion materials for high schools to encourage students to participate. The video submission window is **February 1 – March 31, 2022** with winners announced before June 1. Visit DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/video-contest or MidPeninsulaWater.org/scholarship for more information.



ABOUT THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT: The MPWD has been functioning as a public utility since 1929, proudly providing service to the communities of Belmont and portions of San Carlos, Redwood City, and unincorporated San Mateo County. The District supplies water to 28,000 consumers within approximately five square miles. It is managed by a five-member elected Board of Directors and 17 full-time employees. For more details, go to the District’s website at MidPeninsulaWater.org