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West Basin offers \$1,000 scholarships to future college students interested in water
Applications Accepted Until February 25, 2011

CARSON, Calif.—West Basin Municipal Water District's (West Basin) Board of Directors is offering ten \$1,000 scholarships for students interested in water careers. Up to two scholarships may be awarded within each of West Basin's five divisions (for a map of these divisions and a list of eligible cities and schools, please visit www.westbasin.org).

This program is open to graduating high school seniors living in, or attending, a school within the West Basin service area and have been accepted into a trade school, junior college, or university. The scholarship program recognizes academic achievement and community service and requires an essay about the applicant's interest in water as a study or profession. The goal of the program is to nurture the next generation of water professionals.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students to secure much-needed funding for tuition, textbooks or supplies," said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. "We're proud to offer the water scholarship program for a third year to motivate talented young people to consider a career in the water industry as part of their future."

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, available at www.westbasin.org.

"We're so thankful that the water district would, and did, do something for us to help us out," said proud dad Tad Langlois of his daughter Kylie's scholarship. Kylie, a graduate of El Segundo High School, is studying marine biology at U.C. Santa Barbara.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. (PST) on February 25, 2011 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.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is reducing its dependence on imported water through the Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean-water to our portfolio by the year 2020. Partnering with community organizations, businesses and other public agencies keeps West Basin lean and strengthens its programs. West Basin is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area.