

Background

- The Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) is the most prestigious international award for a water-related science project at the high school level.
- The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) established the SJWP competition in 1997 to mirror the Stockholm Water Prize, the world's most prominent award for outstanding achievements in water-related activities. The international competition is an impressive week-long event that occurs during World Water Week each August or September in Stockholm, Sweden; and, the award is presented by a member of the Royal Family.
- WEF and its Member Associations have been organizing the U.S. competition for two decades, and are nationally sponsored by Xylem Inc.

Eligibility

- The U.S. SJWP competition is open to all high school students in 9th – 12th grades who have conducted water-related research science projects and have reached the age of 15 by August 1st of the competition year.
- To promote teamwork, more than one student may work on a single project; however, only two students may represent the team at the national and international competition.
- It is not necessary for a student to have participated in a science fair in order to enter the competition. The competition is open to any high school student to include home-school, private school or students who have worked independently of any school program.
- Projects should be aimed at enhancing the quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resource management, or water and wastewater treatment.
- Projects can explore water issues on a local, regional, national, or global level using a research-oriented approach.
- Students who wish to compete in the state competition must enter their papers online at www.sjwp.org by April 15th.

How it Works

- Regional Water Prize Certificates are awarded at regional and state fairs around the country.
- Students are encouraged to enter the state competition by submitting their research papers online at www.sjwp.org. (Students do not need to receive a certificate to participate; they may self-nominate... all students with water-related projects are eligible to enter. Receipt of a regional award does not automatically enter the project into their state competition...this must be done separately by the student.)
- The research papers from each state are compiled and sent to that state's WEF Member Association where a panel of water quality experts judge and select the state's winning project.
- All state winners receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the national competition. This two-day event offers educational and entertaining events and is where the U.S. winner is announced.
- The U.S. winner(s) receives \$10,000, a trophy, and an all-expenses-paid trip to Stockholm, Sweden, to represent the United States at the international competition.

Upcoming National Competition Locations

- 2019-2021 – The Ohio State University
 - 2019 – June 13-16
 - 2020 – 2021 - TBD

Awards

Regional Certificate Winners and Self-nominees:

- Opportunity to enter their State Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition
- Free one-year student WEF membership

State Winner:

- An all-expenses-paid trip to the national finals
- Frame-ready certificate
- State Medal

National Winner:

- A cash prize of \$10,000 per project
- National trophy and a framed certificate
- An all-expenses-paid trip to Stockholm, Sweden to compete in the international competition. This award is presented by HRH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden.

National Runner's Up (2):

- A cash prize of \$1,000 per project
- Framed certificate

International Winner

- A crystal sculpture
- A cash prize of \$15,000 per project
- A cash prize of \$5,000 for the winning student's school.
- Other prizes as determined by the international organizers

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize Strives to

- Encourage enthusiasm in today's youth for water issues.
- Build an international community of young scientists bonded together for the water environment.
- Raise public awareness about the future of our water resources
- Develop and ensure future leadership in the water quality community by attracting the best and the brightest young people in this field.

If you are interested in making a charitable contribution to help support these young scientists and the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, please click on the Donate Now Button at www.wef.org or www.sjwp.org

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