



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

May 10, 2018

Media Contact:

Travis Loop, 703.684.2465, tloop@wef.org

**Student Scientists to Compete to Represent the U.S.
in Stockholm Junior Water Prize Contest**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces that 58 high school students have been selected as 2018 state winners of the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, the nation’s most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project.

The students from 47 states and Puerto Rico will now compete in the national finals June 16 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with the winner receiving \$10,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Stockholm to represent the United States at the international competition during World Water Week, August 26-31.

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize aims to increase students’ interest in water issues, research, and careers, as well as to raise awareness about global water challenges. The competition is open to projects focused on improving water quality, water resource management, water protection, and drinking water and wastewater treatment.

“These are some of our country’s most intelligent students, and the innovation and creativity reflected in their projects is truly amazing,” said Eileen O’Neill, WEF Executive Director. “The work of these young scientists shows that the future of water science and research is indeed bright.”

In the U.S., WEF and its Member Associations organize the regional, state, and national competitions with support from Xylem Inc., who also sponsors the international competition. The Bjorn von Euler Innovation in Water Scholarship Award, a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Xylem Inc., will be also awarded to the state winner who demonstrates a passion for education, spirit of creativity, and innovation. In addition, one project will be chosen for WEF’s James L. Condon Recognition for Environmental Stewardship.

For more information on the Stockholm Junior Water Prize: <https://bit.ly/2rr0p29>

For a list of state winners: <https://bit.ly/2KNWnKd>

###

About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 34,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.