



## Freshwater Wetlands Essay Contest for students!

**Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade):** Write an essay that supports three ways you and your family could conserve and protect freshwater wetlands and why. Include at least three references that you used as sources for your information.

**Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Write an essay that supports why freshwater wetlands are important to Delaware. Use multiple resources to develop your essay that are listed in a bibliography. This essay should be at least 500 words with bibliography.

**High School (9 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** How do human activities affect freshwater wetlands? Provide specific examples. Provide several solutions that could improve or restore DE's freshwater wetlands. This essay should be at least 1,000 words and must include a bibliography.

All essays must be submitted online by May 10<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to [Tonyea.mead@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:Tonyea.mead@doe.k12.de.us).

Prizes will be given to first, second and third place in elementary, middle, and high school and each county (Kent, Sussex, and NCC).

## The DE General Assembly will recognize June 9<sup>th</sup> as Delaware Freshwater Wetlands Day!

June 9<sup>th</sup> will be a celebration of various community science projects and an awards ceremony recognizing the student winners of the essay and art contests. Location: Fred Fifer III Middle School, Caesar Rodney School District, 109 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave. Camden, DE.

Sponsored by: Delaware Nature Society, Ducks Unlimited, DE Center for Inland Bays, Caesar Rodney S.D., Brandywine River Restoration Trust, State Senator Stephanie Hansen, DE Dept. of Education, DE Wild Lands, Daughters of the American Revolution, DE Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, Plastic Free Delaware, Representative Sophie Phillips, DE Sierra Club, Amazon, The Nature Conservancy, Claude E. Phillips Herbarium-DE State University

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<https://www.delnature.org/FreshwaterWetlands>