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## Student Scientists to Vie for 2019 U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Winner will represent the United States during international competition

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces that 53 high school students have been selected as 2019 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, representing 45 states and Puerto Rico, will compete in the national finals June 15 in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio State University. The winner will receive \$10,000 and an allexpenses-paid trip to Stockholm to represent the United States at the international competition during World Water Week, August 24-30.

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.

"This year's group of young scientists are addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing the water sector with remarkable ingenuity and passion," said Eileen O'Neill, WEF Executive Director. "We are extremely proud to provide a showcase for their collective talent, and eager to see the impacts these bright students will have."

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, click here.

To see the list of state winners, click here.

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