The Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will offer several scholarships (overnight and day-camp options) to attend the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's Aquatic Science Adventure Camp at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Interested students must submit an application and a 1-page essay/artwork entitled "Why I want to attend the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp!" Scholarship winners will be chosen on the basis of level of effort and creativity. Only complete applications with essays will be eligible.

"Campers learn through exploration and hands-on activities related to water and the environment. Whether it's a bug hunt in the creek, getting dirty in a cave, or reaching the top of a ropes course, all of our activities are designed to engage our campers and impart an understanding of the world around them. Campers will experience what scientists do for a living and learn in a university setting using professional-grade equipment. Our motto is 'Real Science, Real Fun!' for a reason!" - EARDC Camp Staff

Scholarships open to children ages 9 through 15 who reside in one of the eight school districts which overlap the Aquifer District boundary.
Name of Camp Scholarship Applicant: ________________________________
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): ______________________________
Home Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________________________
Parent’s Phone Number: ________________________________________________________
Parent’s Email: _______________________________________________________________
Applicant’s School:___________________________________ Grade Level: ______________
School District:_______________________________________________ Age: ____________
How did you hear about the camp scholarship program? _______________________________

Please check the box that applies to your child:

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<th>I am interested in attending one of the 6-day overnight camps.</th>
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<td>(Note: Parent will be responsible for providing the registration fee ($150), which will be the deposit needed to hold the child’s spot.)</td>
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<th>I am interested in attending one of the 5-day day camps.</th>
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<td>(Total cost of the camp will be provided by BSEACD.)</td>
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Please staple your “Why I want to attend the Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp!” 1-page essay/artwork to this application and mail/deliver documents to: Camp Scholarship Contest, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, 1124 Regal Row, Austin, TX 78748. Applications must be received in the District’s office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Scholarship winners will be chosen by Board Committee. Only completed applications with essays/artwork will be eligible for the scholarship contest. Note: Essays and artwork are selected based on level of effort and creativity.

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Camp Scholarship Contest and I have not won a BSEACD Camp Scholarship previously. In addition, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission to use my name, photo, or essay in any manner deemed appropriate by the District.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ___________
Parent or Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date ___________
1) **ELIGIBILITY**
   a) The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District’s Camp Scholarship program will provide:
      - $599 scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center’s Week-Long Aquatic Science Adventure Camp (Note: Parent will be responsible for providing the other $150 of the camp fee, which will be the deposit needed to hold the child’s spot.)
      - $349 scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center’s 5-Day Aquatic Science Adventure Camp (Note: All $349 will be paid for by BSEACD.)
      - For more information on the camp and its activities, please visit: [http://www.eardc.txstate.edu/camp.html](http://www.eardc.txstate.edu/camp.html)
   
   b) Scholarship contest is open to children ages 9 through 15. Students must reside in one of the eight school districts within the District boundaries. These school districts are: Austin, Del Valle, Dripping Springs, Eanes, Hays Consolidated, Lockhart, San Marcos Consolidated, and Wimberley.
   
   c) Students must attend a public, private, or other accredited school located within the boundaries of those school districts. Home-schooled students living within these boundaries are also eligible.
   
   d) Students who have previously been awarded a BSEACD Camp or Groundwater Essay Contest Scholarship are not eligible.

2) **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**
   A completed application form that contains contestant’s name and contact information should accompany each 1-page essay/artwork. Essays must be completed by the applicant and address why the student would like to attend the camp and what they hope to learn/do while there. Essay cannot be longer than one page and can include artwork.

   Applications and essays must be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse distribution of funds if minimum guidelines are not satisfied.

3) **JUDGING CRITERIA**
   Scholarship winners will be chosen on the basis of level of effort and creativity; only completed applications with essays/artwork will be eligible. Parents will be notified in April 2020 if their child’s name is chosen. District staff will arrange for the appropriate paperwork to be completed, and parents will be expected to provide registration materials in a timely fashion. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.