



Now Accepting Applications for 2025 Kent Butler Scholarships

The Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is seeking student applicants for five scholarships to attend the five-day overnight Aquatic Science Adventure Camp at Texas State University in San Marcos. These scholarships are worth \$1,099 - the cost of attending one of these camps.

These funds are part of the District's annual Kent Butler Scholarship Program. **Deadline to submit your application is Friday, February 28.** Winners will be announced by Friday, March 7. You can learn more about the camps and view essential eligibility criteria by visiting <https://www.eardc.txst.edu/camp.html>

Applicants can only receive a camp scholarship from the District once. Please do not apply if you have won previously.

Scholarships are open to students ages 9 through 14 who reside in one of the school districts which overlap the District's boundary including:

- Austin
- Del Valle
- Eanes
- Hays
- Lockhart
- San Marcos
- Wimberley

Interested students must submit the following to be considered:

1. Completed application form
2. One-page essay about why they want to attend the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp
3. Artwork that captures science and outdoor adventure (ex. scuba diving, caving, fishing, field research, etc.) If done on paper, the artwork should be separate from the essay.

Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form

Name of scholarship applicant: _____

Name of parent/legal guardian: _____

Home mailing address: _____

City, state, zip code: _____

Parent/legal guardian's phone number: _____

Parent/legal guardian's email address: _____

Applicant's school: _____ Current grade level: _____

School district: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? _____

Please select all Aquatic Science Adventure Camp sessions for which you're available.

**Answering this question will provide the District important information on applicant availability and overall demand for each camp.*

Camps for students 9-12 years old:

- Overnight Expedition Camp 1 (June 1 - 6)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 3 (June 15 - 20)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 5 (July 6 - 11)

Camps for students 12-14 years old:

- Overnight Expedition Camp 2 (June 8 - 13)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 4 (June 22 - 27)

Essay Submission

Please submit a one-page essay about why you want to attend the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp. Essays should include what you as a student hope to learn and do at camp and can be handwritten or typed.

Art Submission

Artwork should capture aquatic science and/or outdoor adventure. As an example, your artwork could include imagery of river rafting, scuba diving, exploring a cave, a Barton Springs salamander, fishing, studying aquatic macroinvertebrates, or more. If done on paper, the artwork should be on a separate sheet from the essay.

Submitting Application Materials

A completed application will include this form along with your essay and artwork. Applications can be submitted via email to shlavaty@bseacd.org with "Camp Scholarship Application" in the subject line. You can also submit it via mail or drop it by the District's office:

Shay Hlavaty
Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
1124 Regal Row
Austin, TX 78748

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, February 28. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a District committee. Only completed applications with filled out forms, essays, and artwork will be eligible for the scholarship contest.

Please read, sign, and submit the following:

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's Kent Butler Scholarship Contest, and I have not won a camp scholarship from the District previously. In addition, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission to use my first name, essay, and artwork on the District website, social media, and/or newsletter.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/legal guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____