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## STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION



2026

# Enter Your Team Into the Student Design Competition

## IMPORTANT DATES

**WRITTEN REPORT**  
**MAY 17, 2026**

**CALIFORNIA COMPETITION**  
**MAY 25, 2026 (VIRTUAL)**

**POST CWEA COMPETITION  
WEBINAR**  
**DATE TBD (Prep for your trip to  
WEFTEC)**

**CWEA WEBSITE**  
[cwea.org/awards/sdc](https://cwea.org/awards/sdc)

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The **Student Design Competition** promotes real world design experience for students interested in pursuing an education and/or career in water/wastewater engineering and sciences. It tasks individuals or teams of students within a WEF student chapter to prepare a design to help solve a local water quality issue. Teams evaluate alternatives, perform calculations, and recommend the most practical solution based on experience, economics, and feasibility.

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CWEA will award a team of college students financial assistance for travel expenses.

CWEA follows WEF guidelines for ALL materials, see link below.

The report must be submitted to CWEA by **May 17**.

Include:

- The project name
- University name (team name)
- Advisor's name

Entrant's names shall also be included with report.

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WEF guidelines for the competition can be found online at:  
<https://bit.ly/48vOFmf>