



By 2009 Scholarship Recipient  
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Excerpt from Artist Statement:

*In this piece is a DNA strand forming from a water droplet in a pool of water. With these images I intended to literally convey the idea of water being life by using the DNA strand as a symbol for life, and its forming from water as a representation of water creating and supporting the circumstances for life to exist. DNA, short for Deoxyribonucleic acid, is a nucleic acid that contains the genetic information for all known living things to function grow and reproduce.. DNA symbolizes life in that it is essential to the blueprints for all forms of life compressed into an extremely small and elegant shape. Because all life depends on water, fresh water is possibly our most important resource. Despite seventy percent of the earth's surface being covered in water, unpolluted freshwater sources are dwindling due to unsustainable practices in irrigation, agriculture and waste dumping.*

# FRESHWATER SOCIETY

and South Central Service Cooperative

Invite your students to participate in the

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Water is Life Art Scholarship Contest

The 2010 *Water is Life* Art Contest offers scholarships and recognition to high school students who find an artistic way to express the significance of water. The Freshwater Society, working through South Central Service Cooperative, offers this contest to Minnesota's 9-12 grade public, private and home-schooled high school students in south central Minnesota.

~ Six \$500 scholarships will be awarded! ~

Artwork accepted: photography, sculpture, fountains, painting, drawing, and short video. All artwork must be accompanied by an artist statement describing the work in relation to the theme ***Water is Life***.

**Deadline for intent to participate: March 15, 2010**

**Deadline for entries: March 25, 2010**

**For more information and contest entry materials please visit:**

**South Central Service Cooperative:**

[www.mnscsc.org](http://www.mnscsc.org)

Click on "Water is Life" Art Contest

**or Freshwater Society:**

[www.freshwater.org](http://www.freshwater.org)

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