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**Water Shortage Solutions Earn Students Scholarship & Prizes From WaterFilters.NET**

*Solutions that reduce water shortages in developing areas, and ensure global accessibility to clean drinking water, proposed by leaders of tomorrow*

August 15, 2013 – Zumbrota, MN – [www.WaterFilters.NET](http://www.WaterFilters.NET) – WaterFilters.NET, the online consumer’s first choice in water filters and whole house water filtration systems, announces the winner and runners-up for its [Future of Water Scholarship](http://www.waterfilters.net/water-filters-scholarship_ep_761-1.html). Participating students competed for a scholarship by providing solutions designed to reduce water shortages and ensure access to clean drinking water worldwide. Jason Miller, currently studying for his Masters in Transportation Management at San Jose State, and Steve Hanson, a law student at William Mitchell College of Law, each receive runner-up prize packages, while Mona Dai, a civil and environmental engineering student at Duke University, receives top honors and a $500 scholarship.

Earlier in the year, WaterFilters.NET posed a critical question to students: “With an increasing global population, particularly in developing countries, what would you create to help reduce water shortages, and ensure all people had nearby access to clean drinking water?” Nearly one-hundred and fifty students from more than ninety schools answered the call.

“Seeking an immediate, short-term water shortage solution is important because over 780 million people today do not have adequate clean drinking water,” writes Jason Miller, a law student at William Mitchell College of Law, expressing the urgency of the global water situation. “Therefore, I advocate for a United World policy (not the private sector) that would endorse the massive shipments of fresh water to the countries that have major water shortages. This solution would involve shipping the fresh water from countries that have abundant sources of fresh water such as Alaska, Greenland, Northern Europe, Canada, etc., to the countries that have a severe fresh water shortage.”

Jason Miller, a student in the Transportation Management Master’s program at San Jose State University, advocates a slightly different approach in his water shortage solution. “To reduce water shortages on a global scale, there would have to be Public-Private Partnerships where some of the risk in financing and operating these facilities would be transferred to private companies,” writes Miller, “In building and operating these facilities, jobs would be created. These jobs would boost the local economies and, by default, improve unsanitary conditions.”

Impressive as Hanson and Miller’s water shortage solutions were, it was the proposal from Duke University civil and environmental engineering student Mona Dai that most impressed WaterFilters.NET judges.

“I propose a multi-faceted system, using some technical details already established in developing areas: water will be pumped from a well, filtered through a sand bed, and then have electricity run through it and heated to kill pathogens,” writes Dai. “The key detail lies in the photovoltaic cells responsible for running the electric current through the water. Instead of being streamed singly for this one use, I would run a power charging station off of the panels, as well. This would be ideal since the majority of adults have mobile phones in villages, even when they lack running water or wells.”

“Choosing a winner for our Future of Water scholarship was very difficult for our judges,” says Jamin Arvig, WaterFilters.NET founder and CEO. “But while difficult, it was an extreme pleasure to read so many detailed solutions to our world’s water shortage solutions from tomorrow’s leaders. It’s these types of solutions that support our company’s core values in helping to ensure easy access to clean drinking water for residents in every part of the world.”

Essays containing the top three water shortage solutions submitted to the WaterFilters.NET Future of Water Scholarship program may be read on the [Water Filters Blog](http://blog.waterfilters.net/) at the links below.

**Winner:**
*The Money Solution*
by Mona Dai, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Duke University
<http://blog.waterfilters.net/blog/top-water-shortage-solution-mona-dai>

**Runners-Up:**
*Public-Private Partnerships Critical To Clean Water Access*
by Jason Miller, Transportation Management Master’s Program, San Jose State University
<http://blog.waterfilters.net/blog/top-water-shortage-solution-jason-miller>

*Solutions to the Clean Drinking Water Problem*
by Steve Hanson, Law Student, William Mitchell College of Law
<http://blog.waterfilters.net/blog/top-water-shortage-solution-steve-hanson>

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