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**Aquarion Water Company Sponsors Scholarship Competition to
Commemorate 150th Anniversary
*High School Seniors In Service Areas Eligible for \$1,000 Prizes***

BRIDGEPORT, CT, March 12, 2007 - Aquarion Water Company has launched a *Celebrating Excellence Scholarship Contest* to commemorate its 150th Anniversary that will result in \$1,000 awards for graduating high school seniors in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, company officials announced today.

A high school graduating student from each of Aquarion Water's service states will receive a \$1,000 prize for demonstrated academic excellence by writing an essay to answer: *How Has Water Changed Our Lives Over the Past 150 Years?*

A team of Aquarion Water Company employees and customer advisory board members will serve as judges for the scholarship entries. In addition to the essay, scholarship recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership skills, and extracurricular and community service involvement.

"Because the employees of Aquarion Water Company are committed to encouraging academic excellence among our youth, we are pleased to recognize our students' scholastic achievements as we celebrate this significant anniversary," said Adrienne C. Vaughan, 150th anniversary team member and corporate communications director.

The deadline for all applications is **Friday, May 4th at 5 p.m.** Scholarship applications have been provided to high schools in Aquarion Water's service areas. An on-line application is also available to print from www.aquarionwater.com.

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving 221,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 714,000 people, in 52 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities.

Celebrating 150 Years of Water Service Excellence

Note: For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please contact us on the internet at www.aquarion.com.