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Water is an integral component to the arid West Texas region, and this scholarship is essential in assisting graduate students in their pursuit of water conservation research, thus helping the entire region.

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