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# *Living Evergreen* Essay Contest

Entries must be submitted before August 16, 2010

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Washington State students entering grades seven through 12 in Fall 2010. Two categories, one consisting of seventh through ninth graders, and another consisting of 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, will be judged.

## ESSAY TOPICS

Students are challenged to answer one of the following questions:

What steps can you take in your everyday life to enhance and maintain the environment and improve sustainability?

What current technology and green-living practices do you and your family use today that helps improve the environment and what impacts do you think this makes on the environment?

What future technical advancements can you imagine for solving current environmental and sustainability challenges?

## WRITING GUIDELINES

Submissions must be between 700-1,000 words. Entries must be original, unpublished work written by contestants themselves. Essays should be typewritten, double-spaced in 12-point font. Every essay meeting the above requirements that is submitted to [essaycontest@nyhus.com](mailto:essaycontest@nyhus.com) will be entered.

## PRIZES

**First place - \$200** Treasury bond, certificate, invitation to participate with Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon in Opening Day ceremonies at the Evergreen State Fair on August 26, with admission for the winner, plus two guests, a parking pass, and an invitation to participate at the Snohomish County Council as the recognized “County Environmentalist For-A-Day,” where the winner will have the opportunity to read the essay in front of County Council.

**Second place - \$100** Treasury bond, certificate, invitation to participate in Opening Day ceremonies at the Fair, with admission for the winner, plus two guests, and a parking pass.

**Third place - \$50** Treasury bond, certificate, invitation to participate in Opening Day ceremonies at the Fair, with admission for the winner, plus two guests, and a parking pass.

## SUBMISSIONS

Only one essay is allowed per student. Please send entries to [essaycontest@nyhus.com](mailto:essaycontest@nyhus.com) with your essay both included in the body of the e-mail and attached as a text document. Entry should include your full name, age on August 26, 2010, entering grade, e-mail address, school, your address, phone number and name of your parent or legal guardian – in that order. Submissions sent by mail must be received by the deadline, and can be sent to the *Living Evergreen* Essay Contest, c/o Nyhus Communications, 1525 Fourth Ave. suite 400, Seattle, WA 98109.

*Please contact [essaycontest@nyhus.com](mailto:essaycontest@nyhus.com) with questions or clarification requests. Educators and program leaders may additionally contact [editor@nyhus.com](mailto:editor@nyhus.com) for further questions.*