

Essay Contest

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To encourage the study of and to promote the importance of **preserving nature** and sustaining environmental resources, Aspen Falls is hosting its annual student **essay contest**. Support is provided by the Citizens for a Greener Falls and Aspen Falls' sister city. Thank you to our generous sponsors for providing the prizes.

Students interested in demonstrating their knowledge of and real-life applications of sustaining environmental resources are encouraged to enter. The **essay contest** is open to high school students in Aspen Falls and Aspen Falls' sister city. Students must be enrolled full-time in coursework during one or more semesters/quarters of the contest year. Home-schooled high school students are also eligible. Part-time students are not eligible for participation in the contest.

Topic

This year's **essay contest** theme is Adapting to Climate Change.

Essay contestants will select from one of three areas:

- 1) Strategies for protecting land and water
- 2) Strategies for restoring compromised ecosystems
- 3) Strategies for reducing environmental pollution

Using a real-life problem that addresses one of the three environmental issues above, provide recommendations and strategies. Solutions need not be limited by budgetary constraints.

For examples and more information, please click the picture.



Submissions should include: 1) the completed official essay contest form, 2) a cover page, and 3) an abstract statement. Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked by May 21, 2012.

Essay Contest Prizes

Citizens for a Greener Falls awards prizes in each of three categories: sophomore, junior, and senior. Senior awards also include scholarship allowances.

First Place

- * Transportation and lodging to the [Galapagos Islands](#) for a seven-night stay to assist in the study and research of the climate and its impact on endemic species
- * \$2,000 scholarship
- * Publication of winning essay in the magazine “Plant Green”
- * Recognition by Citizens for a Greener Falls
- * One year subscription to “Plant Green”

Second Place

- * \$1,000 scholarship
- * Recognition by Citizens for a Greener Falls
- * One year subscription to “Plant Green”

Third Place

- * \$500 scholarship
- * Recognition by Citizens for a Greener
- * One year subscription to “Plant Green”