

Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management Presents the

RECYCLING AWARENESS



ESSAY CONTEST

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

The Recycling Essay Contest is a program of the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) and is open to all Frederick County students in grades K-12. To be considered, submissions must address at least one of the following topics:

- Why we should recycle.
- Why recycling matters to me.
- How recycling is a positive part of our community.
- How recycling helps the environment.
- How recycling uses science and technology to work.

Complete rules, judging criteria and prize information are on the reverse side. This form must be attached to or sent with your essay entry, and submitted by March 28, 2014. **Contest winners will be publicly announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2014.**

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ If essay was part of class work, please indicate which teacher assigned or promoted the project _____

Student's Email _____ Parent's Email _____

Home Mailing Address _____

_____ Phone Number _____

Essay Title _____ Number of Words _____

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent and/or guardian of the above child and do hereby give the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management permission to publish and/or televise my child's image and essay and to include with the essay/image my child's name, age, and the name of my child's school. The entering student and I authorize the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management to edit, publish, distribute and otherwise use this essay—with credit to the student author—in its print and electronic publications, presentations, and promotions.

The entering student and I have read the rules of the 2014 Recycling Awareness Essay Contest on the back of this sheet and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Entrant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/
Guardian _____ Date _____

Entries may be **emailed** to: ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov, **faxed** to 301-600-3044 or **mailed** to: DSWM Essay Contest, 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704

➔ **Entry Deadline: March 28, 2014.** ←

Complete contest information, including copies of this entry form, can be found online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EssayContest

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Essays will be assessed in four grade-level categories:

- grades K-2 (25 -100 words)
- grades 3-5 (100 - 400 words)
- grades 6-8 (300 - 600 words)
- grades 9-12 (500 - 800 words)



Rules

- › Plagiarism of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- › Entries are limited to one (1) per student.
- › Entrants must be residents of Frederick County.
- › A completed "Official Entry Form" must be attached to each entry.
- › Entries may be either typed or neatly handwritten. The student's name is to appear at the top of each page.
- › All entries become property of the Frederick County DSWM and may be edited, reproduced, published, distributed or used for any purpose whatsoever, without limitation.
- › Frederick County DSWM reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate for publication, at their discretion.

Deadline

Essays must be delivered by fax, mail or email to the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management by 4:30pm on Friday, March 28, 2014. Winning applicants and their parent/guardians will be notified by Friday, April 11, 2014.

Judging

Students will be judged in the following grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, with prizes awarded to each category. Essays will be judged by a panel of qualified representatives of the environmental and literary fields. The decisions of the judges will be final. Judges will be looking for essays that demonstrate:

- › Sound content (50%). This includes effectiveness, insightfulness, creativity, and completeness of discussion as well as an overall comprehension of subject matter. Independent inquiry and critical thought are strongly encouraged.*
- › Clear and well-constructed organization (25%). This includes clarity in writing style coupled with a logical development of the ideas expressed. Each claim should be supported by concise and appropriate examples.
- › Consistency in the use of language (25%). This includes demonstration of variety in sentence structure, a range of vocabulary, and the use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

*PLEASE NOTE: Any entries that include inaccurate or unacknowledged information will be disqualified. If necessary, a uniformly formatted works cited page or bibliography, may be included.

Prizes

A total of six entrants will be awarded. All winning essays will be reprinted in the Frederick News Post on Earth Day, April 22, 2014. For each of the four grade-level categories, one winner will be selected to receive a \$50 award. Additionally, grand prize winners will be selected for elementary (K-5) and secondary (6-12) grade levels, each to be awarded a \$150 prize. (*Monetary prizes are funded through a grant from Waste Management Recycle America.*)

Questions?

Contact Anmarie Creamer at 301-600-7405 or send email to ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov