



MVCC

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST RULES

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTEST

The Mantrap Valley Conservation Club (MVCC) scholarship opportunity was created in order to promote the concept of "citizen conservation." We wish to promote, encourage and enable citizens to take action for wildlife and lake and forestry protection in their personal lives and in their public actions. We promote the idea that the earth belongs to everyone, and therefore, awareness by each of us can ultimately effect positive change for the natural world and humanity.

SPONSOR

The presenting sponsor of this Contest is the Mantrap Valley Conservation Club, a 501(c)3 organization.

Mission Statement: The Objectives and Purposes of this organization shall be to foster and promote wildlife conservation, lake and forestry conservation and to beautify the area. And to educate the general public and ourselves in the laws of conservation and wildlife.

OFFICIAL RULES

2019 THEME: The United States has a big solid waste problem. Citizens produce more than four pounds of trash per person each day, and landfills are nearing capacity. Research and write an essay describing the causes of the growing garbage problem and the effects on the environment and present possible solutions. Provide evidence to support your findings.

1. HOW TO ENTER:

Compose an essay of 1000-1500 words on the following topic: **Causes and Solutions to The United States Solid Waste Problem**

Include with your essay a separate page with your complete **name, address, and phone number**, as well as your email address. You also need to list the name of the high school in Hubbard County you attended and the name and address of the post-secondary institution you will be attending. Limit: one entry per person. All entries become the sole property of the MVCC and will not be returned.

All entries must be postmarked or received by 12:00 PM on June 1, 2019.

Mail or email your entry to the following address:
MVCC Essay Contest
% Russ Olson, President

23166 Highview Drive
Nevis, MN 56467

rsolson66@gmail.com

2. WHAT THE PRIZES ARE:

First Prize: \$3,000 Scholarship

Second Prize: \$1,500 Scholarship

3. HOW ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED:

All essays will be judged on basis of the following criteria:

50% - Clear presentation of the topic/valuable content and/or research incorporated into the essay

25% - Clear presentation of conclusions/solutions

25% - Technical correctness (grammar, spelling, accuracy of information)

The winner will be notified by phone and/or email.

4. WHAT THE GENERAL RULES ARE:

The contest is open to past graduates and 2019 graduating seniors in good standing from all Hubbard County High Schools. Entrants must be accepted for full time admission or enrolled full time in an accredited post-secondary institution. No substitution or transfer of prize by the winner is permitted. All federal, state, and local taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners, and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Essays must be typed. No handwritten essays will be accepted. All entries must be original works that have never before been published and must not infringe on any third-party rights. By entering the contest, the entrant gives MVCC the right to use, edit, or publish the entry without further compensation. The winning entrants assign all copyrights to MVCC.

Those who enter the contest and/or accept a prize grant permission to MVCC to use the winners' names and/or likenesses for purposes of advertising/promotion without further compensation. Prizes are nontransferable. By accepting a prize, the winner agrees to hold MVCC harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of the use of the prize. Entrants agree to be bound by the Official Rules as stated here and the decisions of the judges. MVCC is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, the administration of the contest, or the announcement of the prizes.

Further, MVCC is not responsible for any of the following: lost, late, mutilated, or illegible entries. The winners' names will be announced July 15, 2019.

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