



# Earth Day Essay Contest

## 2009 Entry Form



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: MI ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contest Rules

- 1) Essay topic is "If I were president, how would I get more Americans to recycle?"
- 2) Essays must be between 500-750 words in length, typed or legibly printed. Non-legible entries will be disqualified at the discretion of Recycle Ann Arbor. Only one entry is allowed per student.
- 3) There will be six (6) winners selected for the contest. The first-prize winner will receive a \$500 U.S. savings bond as a prize. The winner's essay will also be published on Recycle Ann Arbor's Web site. Each of the additional five winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate. In addition, the first-prize winner's school classroom will receive a free recycling workshop.
- 4) Entrant must attend 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, or be from age 10-12 years old.
- 5) Entrant must be a legal resident of the United States, must attend school in Washtenaw County, and must be able to provide a valid Social Security number if selected as the first-prize contest winner. (Social Security number is required to purchase a U.S. Savings Bond.)
- 6) Family members of employees of Recycle Ann Arbor, Ecology Center, Calvert's Roll-Off Containers, Ann Arbor News, Ann Arbor Radio, and their boards of directors are not eligible to enter the contest.
- 7) Judging will be based on creativity of ideas, clarity of content, and overall writing ability with respect to the topic. Judging is at the complete discretion of Recycle Ann Arbor and all judging decisions are final.
- 8) Essays become the property of Recycle Ann Arbor when submitted, including all copyrights.
- 9) A signed entry form must accompany all contest entries. There will be no exceptions.
- 10) Essays may be submitted by mailing to: Earth Day Essay Contest, Recycle Ann Arbor, 2420 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2009.
- 11) Entries may be faxed to: (734) 662-7749, and must be received by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2009. Recycle Ann Arbor is not responsible for incomplete or illegible fax transmissions.
- 12) Entries may also be delivered in person to Recycle Ann Arbor, 2420 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104, by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2009.
- 13) **Entries will not be accepted via e-mail.**
- 14) Contest winner will be announced on April 21, 2009.

**By signing below, I state that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the contest rules, and that the attached essay is my own original writing work.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Print Name