



Salcha- Delta Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to introduce The Conservation Project Essay Contest

The Conservation Project Essay Contest encourages students to:

- Learn about local environmental issues
- Express their concerns for the world around them
- Think creatively about ways to improve it
- Consider how their actions impact the natural world.

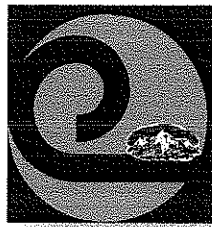
The Conservation Project Essay Contest is open to students in 9th -12th grade who reside within the conservation district. Participants will develop a project of their choice with a teacher and the Salcha- Delta SWCD, conservation coordinator based upon essay guidelines set by the SWCD. Participants will have two weeks to complete project. Upon project completion, participants will write a 500 word essay on what they learned about natural resources and experienced during their project.

**Cash awards will be given to first place (\$100), second place (\$75)
and third place (\$50) winners**

Five for 5 Scholarships: Open to juniors and seniors, who participate in the conservation essay project. The Salcha Delta Soil & Water Conservation District will bank funds for junior students until they have been accepted as a full-time student at an institution of higher education. (Please see scholarship applications.)

Senior Scholarship: One (1) \$2500.00 scholarship will be awarded by the Conservation Project Essay Selection Committee

Deadlines for all essays is April 11, 2012



ESSAY GUIDELINES

- Project will need to be tied into one of the following: Soil, Water, Air, Forest, non-point and point pollution, Erosion, Plants and animals or wildlife. Examples for projects: How does the high school biomass boiler system reduce pollution; pH titration of seven different private wells within the community; Greenhouse project; work with Fish & Wildlife Service's on monitoring game. Project can be developed from current classes.
- Participant is required to ask a teacher of their choice for assistance in advising for the project.
- Project approval by teacher and SWCD conservation coordinator.
- Weekly advising with teacher and SWCD conservation coordinator on progress of project.
- Essay is a minimum of 500 words. All words will be counted to reach the limit.
- Be properly identified with a cover letter using the following format:
Student's Name: Student's Address:
Teacher's Name: School:
Grade:
- **Deadline for all essays is April 11, 2012**
- **Upon completion of conservation project submit essay for publication in the local newspaper before submitting for judging.**

Please submit all essay entries to the Salcha Delta Soil and Water Conservation District located in the Jarvis Building on the second floor. Conservation Project Essays will be judged within the District. Winners will be selected from the above guidelines.

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect length: 5 points
- Does not follow project outline: 5 points

As you write your essay, you should remember to:

- make your writing interesting to the reader
- make sure that each sentence you write helps the reader understand your essay
- make sure that your ideas are clear and easy for the reader to follow
- write about your project in detail so that the reader really understands what you are saying
- check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

For clarification, the difference between an essay and a report,(as applied to this contest,) is as follows: Essay - A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking. Report is a presentation of facts in a report style. Essays must: Bear the title of the conservation project.
