

YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT - WRITING CONTEST, 2018

Change Against Change *Hope is Greater than Fear*

THE CONTEST

Written expression is a powerful medium through which important messages are communicated. The Youth Climate Change Summit is sponsoring a writing contest as part of their ECO Awards event, March 10th for students to personally communicate their interpretation on the issue of climate change. As daunting a subject as this is, a starting point is to acknowledge hopefulness rather than resignation or fear and to keep this narrative in the forefront of our collective minds.

The Youth Summit writing contest invites students to explore any aspect of the environment through the theme: ***Change against Change – Hope is Greater Than Fear.*** The winning entries will be recognized at the ECO Awards event on March 10th, 2018 at the Marin Art and Garden Center.

Winning entries will receive gift cards and other prizes along with a chance to be featured at Governor Brown's Global Climate Change Summit in San Francisco this September.

CONTEST RULES

Entries must be the original work of students presently attending Marin high schools.

- Length of entry - 3 pages or less (12 font - double-spaced).
- If part of a class assignment, teachers please submit only the top 5 class papers.
- Send entries as an attachment to PV3@comcast.net by 4:00pm March 2, 2018.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will be looking for original work as it relates to the contest theme.

The judging criteria includes:

- Addresses the theme - 50%
- Creativity - 25%
- Quality and technique – 25%

CONTENTS OF ENTRY

Students entering the contest should not defame or libel individuals or organizations in their work and avoid using copyrighted material.

AUTHORITY OF JUDGES

The organizers of the Youth Climate Change Summit and judges will be the sole arbiters of content, its quality and its suitability for awards recognition. The judges expressly reserve the right not to accept any material, which in their judgment is not suitable for the contest.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND AWARDS

All entries must be received by 4:00pm on March 2, 2018.

Winners will be contacted prior to the awards evening and will receive 4 free tickets to the ECO Awards event on March 10th, 2018.

WRITING SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entries must contain the following information:

1. Name of student
2. Contact information (email, phone #, address)
3. Name of high school
4. Permission given by the student and parent or guardian for the entry to be featured online, with sponsors and at the Global Summit.

QUESTIONS, CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about the contest can be directed to Patti Vance, Program Coordinator, Youth Climate Change Summit at pv3@comcast.net.