

EIGHT RIVERS COUNCIL

Saving the Planet, Starting in Pocahontas County.

ENVIRONMENTAL ESSAY AWARD

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

To apply:

- Print and complete ENTRY FORM, check required boxes, sign and mail to:
Eight Rivers Council
PO Box 282
Hillsboro, WV 24946
 - Entry Deadline: Must be postmarked by Jan 15, 2020.
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Instructions for Entry:

- Choose one environmental issue pertaining to Pocahontas County (and the planet) about which you are passionate.
- Conduct research on the issue, collecting data such as history, facts, figures, scientific studies, quotes from interviews with scientists or other experts.
- Think creatively and make decisions about what can be done, specifically about what you and others can do to make a positive impact.
- Write an informed and convincing essay (1000 to 3000 words), making a case as to why your chosen issue is important to Pocahontas County and to you personally. State actions you can take or contributions you can make. Demonstrate passion and give solid solutions.
- Pictures, charts, and diagrams are suggested, but not necessary.
- Cite your sources on a separate page, using Modern Language Association (MLA) format. For MLA instructions, copy and paste the following into your browser:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_works_cited_page_basic_format.html
- Produce an interesting supporting video - like a TED Talk - in which you introduce and summarize your essay (DO NOT READ). (Duration: 3 to 5 minutes)
To see examples of TED talks, visit: <https://www.ted.com/talks>

If you have questions, email award@eight-rivers.org

To Submit Entry:

- On or before March 1, 2020, submit your entry by email to award@eight-rivers.org
- Make the subject line of your email message as follows:
“*your name* AWARD ENTRY”, as in *Mary Jones* AWARD ENTRY
- Attach separately the 3 parts of your entry (essay, source page, video).
Do not paste your essay into the message.

Winner will be notified by April 8.

Award will be publicly announced on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the Hillsboro Library Public Affairs Briefing, during which the winner will present essay and video to the audience and the final award will be presented to the winner.