



March 1, 2024

To all Elementary, Middle, and High School Students residing in the Town of Vienna and/or attending any school within the Madison Pyramid, Green Hedges, or OLCG:

Do you have a passion for the environment? Do you want to share that interest with others? To celebrate Earth Day, the Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) invites you to participate in our annual student creativity contest. This competition is an opportunity for you to express your thoughts on the environment and share your imagination and art/writing skills.

How the contest works:

1. Contestants will write an essay or create a piece of art responding to the following prompt:

How does your love and appreciation for Earth show up in your daily life?

2. There will be 2 categories based on grade level.

- K-6
- 7-12

3. There will be one essay winner and one artwork winner selected in each category.

4. The selected winners will receive a prize and have their essay/artwork featured at the Town of Vienna's 2024 Green Expo (April 18th).

5. Both K-6 winners will be awarded a Green Kid Crafts Box and a Hydro Flask Water Bottle.

6. Both 7-12 winners will be awarded a \$100 gift card and a Hydro Flask Water Bottle.

Contest Guidelines:

1. One entry per student.
2. All submissions must be new and original artwork or writing.
3. Essays should be no longer than 500 words.
4. Artwork must be saved as .jpeg or .jpg and essays must be saved as .pdf, .doc, or .docx.
5. Students may enter by mail or email.
6. All submissions must be received by ***5 p.m. on Monday April 1st, 2024.***

How to Enter:

1. All entries must be accompanied by an essay/artwork release form, which can be found on the CSC website (viennava.gov/csc). If an entry is received without a release form, it will be disqualified.

2. To enter by mail, send artwork/essay along with a completed release form to:

Town of Vienna
Conservation and Sustainability Commission
127 Center Street S
Vienna, VA, 22180

3. To enter by email, send your file and release form to **csc@viennava.gov**. In the subject line, please use Environmental Artwork and Essay Contest [insert your name].

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing your submissions. The winners will be announced on April 16th, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the CSC by phone or email. Thank you and good luck!

Sincerely,

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