

ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING COMPETITION



The 2ND annual Jansson Prize for Environmental Writing invites writers of all ages to compete for the \$500 first prize. The challenge for the 2011 competition is to compose an essay describing what actions you would take to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay if you were a King or a Queen.

What would you do to restore the health of the Bay if the Chesapeake Bay watershed was your kingdom and your every command had to be obeyed? What would be your Royal Plan for the Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay?

Essays will be judged on the quality of the writing and the wisdom and fairness you show in your Royal Plan for the Restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. You should give justifications for your commands. The elements of your plan might be sweeping, involving vast areas and large populations, or they might be incremental and introduced over a long time span. You might describe what efforts you would take to help those negatively affected by your plan. Your plan for restoring the Bay must be reasonably realistic—that is, you should not invoke magical solutions.

The author of the best essay will receive a first prize award of \$500. One runner up will receive a \$150 award. Details are printed on the reverse.

Sponsors of the Jansson Prize for Environmental Writing are the Potomac River Association and the Center for the Study of Democracy, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686 (<http://www.smcm.edu/democracy/>).

JANSSON PRIZE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING 2011 CONTEST RULES

The author of the best essay will receive a first prize award of \$500. One runner up will receive \$150.00 award. A committee organized by The Potomac River Association (PRA) and The Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) will judge all entries.

Eligibility:

1. All residents of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties are eligible to enter OR any student enrolled full-time in an accredited high school or post-secondary institution within one of those counties. Proof of residency or matriculation must be submitted upon request.
2. No member of the PRA Board of Directors or officers of CDS or their relatives by blood or marriage are eligible to win the contest.
3. Submissions become the property of PRA and CSD. This includes PRA and CSD's right to use, reproduce, or distribute the essay in whole or part. Authorship will be acknowledged in any subsequent use.
4. By submitting an entry, the author warrants that the work is original and does not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. Quoted or excerpted material the length of a sentence or more must be identified as such. By submitting an entry the author warrants that the work has not previously been published or submitted for publication.

Rights:

5. By submitting an entry, the author grants permission to PRA and CSD to use her or his name for publicity purposes. By submitting an entry the author grants permission to PRA and CSD to reproduce the work in any form.

Format:

6. The essay should have two title pages. The first title page should contain the author's name and contact information in addition to the title. The second title page should have the title only. Information regarding the author's identity or affiliation must not appear within the body of the submission itself.
7. Submissions must be in English and should not exceed 5,500 words in length. Pages must be numbered.
8. Entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2011. Two copies of the essay must be submitted as hard copy mailed to this address:

Potomac River Association
attn: Essays
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Valley Lee, Maryland 20692

More information: For questions related to the essay contest contact Potomac River Association at:
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