



Animal
Essay Contest

20th Annual

2021 Sheri Capehart Animal Essay Contest

Contest is open to students who live in Arlington, are in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade and attend either public, private, or home school.

Contest begins Monday, November 30, 2020.

Essay entries may be submitted beginning on Monday, January 11, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021.

You Could Win!

- There will not be multiple drop off locations like years past. A drop box will be located outside the main entrance of the Animal Services Center, 1000 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd. or you may drop off in person, to the administrative staff, during open shelter hours. (10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Fri). No hand-delivered entries accepted after 5 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2021.
- Essays will be judged on the elements of effective writing: Focus and Coherence, Organization, Development of Ideas, Voice and Conventions. The decision of the Judges is final.
- Teachers may mail or hand-deliver all entries from their class, grade or school. If you are a winner, your essay must be emailed in a typed format for website purposes to Brittany.Clark@arlingtontx.gov. Address mailed entries to the City of Arlington Animal Services Center, 1000 SE Green Oaks Blvd., 76018.
- For more information, parents should consult their child's teacher; or visit www.arlingtontx.gov/animal/essaycontest



Essay Topics:

- Grade 3:** If you could make up a holiday for animals, what holiday would it be and how would you celebrate it?
- Grade 4:** How do you think animals communicate with people?
- Grade 5:** If you could make one rule for the world to follow about animals and everyone had to follow it...what would that rule be?
- Grade 6:** In 2060 how will animal shelters be different than they are today?

Essay Contest Requirements:

- Only one essay per student.
- Previous winners ineligible.
- Submitted material must be original, 500 words or less, typed or handwritten, and stapled individually.
- Students must reside within the City of Arlington.
- **Cover sheet must be attached to essay, and contain student's name, address & phone, school, grade,**
- **teacher's name; and the names of your two favorite books.**
- Remember that plagiarism is never acceptable and will result in immediate disqualification.

Essay Contest Prizes:

Each winner will receive a Kindle Fire HD compliments of Spring Creek Barbeque and the City of Arlington

Each winner will receive a \$100 savings account compliments of EECU, Spring Creek Barbeque and the City of Arlington

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