



Animal
Essay Contest

19th Annual

2020 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, December 2, 2019.

Essay entries may be submitted beginning on Monday, January 13, 2020 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020.

You Could Win!

- Entries may be hand-delivered to the Water Customer Service Desk at City Hall, 101 W. Abram St. or South Service Center, 1100 SW Green Oaks Blvd. (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or the Animal Services Center, 1000 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd. (10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Fri). No hand-delivered entries accepted after 5 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2020.
- 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 Michelle.Patchett@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.
- Students must reside within the City of Arlington.
- **Cover sheet must contain student's name, address and phone number, school, grade and 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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