

We Want You

to enter the 2003 Animal Essay Contest at your school



This writing contest is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students living within the City of Arlington, who attend public or private schools.

Contest begins: Monday, September 8, 2003
Entry deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2003

Students may write essays on one of the following topics on **responsible pet ownership**:

- Grade 3: How Do You Know When You Are Ready For A Pet?
- Grade 4: What Can You Do To Keep Your Pet From Getting Lost?
- Grade 5: Why Should You Avoid Animals You Don't Know?
- Grade 6: What Is Required To Be A Responsible Pet Owner?

Top contest winners selected from all entries received will be awarded a Series EE U.S. Savings Bond.

First Place—\$500 bond • Second Place—\$350 bond • Third Place—\$150 bond

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

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Winners will be recognized at the 6:30 p.m. October 28, 2003 Evening meeting of the Arlington City Council. A 6 p.m. reception for contest winners and their families will be held that day in the lobby of City Hall near the Council Chamber. The Council Chamber is located on the first floor of City Hall at 101 W. Abram St. in downtown Arlington. Savings Bonds will be mailed to the essay winners within six weeks after judging is complete.

Essay Contest Guidelines

- Students must submit an essay on the theme for their grade level.
- Only one essay per student is allowed.
- Students must live within the City of Arlington in order to enter the contest.
- Submitted material must be original and **must not exceed 500 words**.
- Submitted material may be handwritten or typed.
- The cover sheet must contain the student's name, address and phone number, school, grade level and teacher's name.
- Entries that are mailed should be sent to the address below, and must be **postmarked NO LATER** than Friday, September 26, 2003.

City of Arlington Office of Communication
ATTN: Animal Essay Contest
Mail Stop 01-0370
Post Office Box 90231
Arlington, Texas 76004-3231
- Entries may be hand-delivered to the Water Customer Service Desk located on the first floor of City Hall at 101 W. Abram St. Entries may also be hand-delivered to the Water Utilities South Service Center at 1100 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. Both locations are staffed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. **No hand-delivered entries will be accepted at either location after 5 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2003.**
- Teachers may mail or hand-deliver all entries from their class, grade or school.
- Essays will be judged on the elements of effective writing: Focus and Coherence, Organization, Development of Ideas, Voice and Conventions. The decision of the Essay Judges Committee is final. The panel of essay judges will include but is not limited to local citizens and members of the Arlington Animal Services Center Advisory Board.
- For more information, parents should consult their child's teacher.