



National Rural Education Association  
ESSAY CONTEST

**ELIGIBILITY**

Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Any student who attends a rural school may participate in this contest.

High School students, in grades 9-12, may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Any high school student who attends a rural high school may participate in this contest.

**PRIZES**

<b><u>Grades 3-5: Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Grades 6-8: Middle School</u></b>	<b><u>Grades 9-12: High School</u></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$250.00</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$400.00</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$400.00</b>
<b>Runner-Up: \$100.00</b>	<b>Runner-Up: \$200.00</b>	<b>Runner-Up: \$200.00</b>

**THE PROMPTS & REQUIREMENTS:**

Grades 3-5 will write a persuasive essay. *Write a persuasive essay to encourage other students to attend your school. Explain why your school is the best. Why is your school so great that others would want to attend?*

Grades 6-8 will create a video. Create up to a 3 minute advertisement campaign to encourage students to come to your community and attend your school. Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes.

Grades 9-12 will create a video. Create up to a 3 minute advertisement campaign to encourage students to come to your community and attend your school. Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes.

**SUBMITTAL PROCESS:**

For full application and more information please visit our website at [http://www.nrea.net/Awards and Programs](http://www.nrea.net/Awards_and_Programs) or email [nreacontest@gmail.com](mailto:nreacontest@gmail.com).

**SUBMITTAL PROCESS**

Written Essays

Email Process

1. Scan and email the selected essays to: [nreacontest@gmail.com](mailto:nreacontest@gmail.com)
2. Fill out the student information card, scan and email with essay.
3. By submitting the essays via email to the NREA, teachers and/or administrators are verifying that the essays are done by students in a rural school and are original pieces done by students.

Mailing Process

1. Essays can be mailed to:

NREA c/o Dr. Allen Pratt  
 615 McCallie Ave, Hunter Hall 205  
 Chattanooga, TN 37403

2. Fill out the student information card and paper clip to the written essay.
3. All mailed essays MUST have an attached letter from a teacher and/or administrator stating that the essays are done by students in a rural school and are original pieces done by students.

Video Essays

Email Only

1. All video essays can be emailed to: [nreacontest@gmail.com](mailto:nreacontest@gmail.com)
2. Fill out the student information card, scan and email with video.
3. Approved Video Formats are: avi, flv, mov, mp4, mpeg, wmv
4. By submitting the essays via email to the NREA, teachers and/or administrators are verifying that the video essays are done by a high school student in a rural school and are original pieces done by students. By submitting the essay, you also agree that any student used in the video has a media exemption and can be used by the NREA, in the case that the video should win.

**DEADLINE**

**Entries must be emailed or postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Winners will be announced by May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Student Name:				Grade:		
Student Address						
City:		State:		Zip:		
Student Phone:			School Phone:			
School Name:						
School Address:						
City		State:		Zip:		
Teacher Name:						
Principal Name:						
Student Media Exemption	Yes	No	Permission to use Copyrighted materials	Yes	No	Other