



What is Rural Awareness, Inc?

Rural Awareness is a group of your neighbors who are interested in the past, present, and future of Franklin Township as a rural and agricultural community. Our objective is to preserve our rich heritage and quality of life through a spirit of community pride, awareness, and civic involvement. We have no dues and welcome new members.

“Whose woods these are I think I know...

The woods are lovely, dark and deep...”

from *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost

The Tenth Annual Rural Awareness Scholar Award Contest

The topic for 2016 is:

We’re fortunate to live in a rural area with open space and miles of beautiful trails and country roads for walking, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, and picnicking. Tell us about what you see and hear – and especially what you feel – when you’re outside enjoying nature here in Franklin Township.

What is the Scholar Award?

The Scholar Award is an essay contest open to all Franklin Township School students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Sponsored by Rural Awareness, Inc., the Scholar Award recognizes those students whose submissions best convey the theme of each year’s topic.

What is the deadline, and what are the rules?

The deadline for giving your submission to your teacher is Friday, April 29.

The rules are on the other side of this sheet.

Who are the judges?

Folks in our community who are members of Rural Awareness.

Are there any other requirements?

Parents or guardians of prize winners will be asked to sign consent forms allowing Rural Awareness to publish the name of their child, the child’s essay, and a photograph of the child with the other winners.

Can I win a prize or any special recognition?

There will be three prize winners for each grade.

The prize for first place is a \$50 gift certificate for the Clinton Book Shop, for second place a \$30 gift certificate, and for honorable mention a \$10 gift certificate.

A grand prize for the best submission will be given to one of the three first place winners.

The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate for a ‘pizza night’ at Frank’s Italian Restaurant.

Prizes will be presented in June at the school’s end-of-year awards assembly.

Each student who enters the contest will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Winning submissions will be posted on our website, www.ruralawareness.org, and will also be sent to the newspaper.

Are there any contest rules or guidelines? Of course...

1. Include your name, your grade, and your teacher's name on the front of your submission.
2. This year's essay topic is:
We're fortunate to live in a rural area with open space and miles of beautiful trails and country roads for walking, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, and picnicking. Tell us about what you see and hear – and especially what you feel – when you're outside enjoying nature here in Franklin Township.
3. Your essay should be between 250 and 500 words.
4. Keep in mind that the judges will award prizes for the best submissions. Those essays will:
 - vividly describe what it's like being outside in nature in Franklin Township;
 - make us feel like we're there with you, seeing, hearing, and experiencing the same things as you;
 - present your own point of view; and
 - be organized and written in a way that keeps us interested.Good spelling and good grammar are important, too.
5. Submit your essay to your teacher by Friday, April 29.
6. All submissions will become the property of Rural Awareness for our historical archives. Please keep a copy for yourself.

P.S. If you are a winner, your parents or guardians will be asked to sign a consent form allowing Rural Awareness to publish your name, your essay, and a photograph of you with the other winners.

The Rural Awareness Scholar Award Contest Is Sponsored by:

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