

Scholar's Award Essay Contest Submission

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In a world that feels scary sometimes, Franklin Township feels safe.

Wherever I am outside walking down my road, a feeling of calmness surrounds me. I hear birds chirping happily, rocks splashing into the stream, and cows mooing.

I see cows, horses, trees, and nice houses and friendly people walking.

The smells of flowers blooming, clean air, and horse manure fill my nose.

Sometimes during the spring and summer, there are hot air balloons filling up the blue sky. Deer, fox, coyotes, rabbits, possums, and even wild turkeys roam the area and hide out in the nice woods.

I feel wind blowing and excitement as I throw rocks in the stream.

In comparison, last summer when I visited New York City, I felt scared and crowded. I smelled pollution. I saw homeless people all around and many dirty areas. I heard horns honking, people shouting and loud noises. It was hard to think. It felt great to go back home to Hunterdon County.

I like being in Franklin Township much better. It is a nice place to live, and I wish everybody on Earth could see and feel such beauty. When I'm grown up, I'm going to live with my own family in a place just as nice as Franklin Township, or maybe I'll never even leave!