












Entry Guidelines

What makes Hawai'i's environment so special to you? Join our writing contest by sharing your feelings about our environment and telling us about your Hawai'i.

-  Write a story or poem about your Hawai'i. It's OK to ask friends or family for help.
-  Contest is open to students in 6th through 8th grade.
-  Only one (1) entry per student.
-  Poems must tell a story. Acrostic poems will not be accepted.
-  Stories must be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt. size black text (or clearly printed). Do not include any special colors, fonts, photos, or graphics.
-  Stories should be no longer than 1000 words.
-  Save your story in Microsoft Word using a PC in .doc or .docx format. Do not send Mac files.
-  Include only the title and text of your story in the Word document. Do not put your name or school anywhere in the document so that judging remains anonymous.

DEADLINE: Your story must be submitted online by **5 p.m. on March 11**



Get your entry in early!




How to Submit Your Entry

1. Log in at <http://hawaii.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=2068&language=en-uk>. (NOTE: You must register your email address and create a password before you can log in.)
2. Click the link that says "Click here to start a new entry".
3. There are 3 pages (steps) on the form. Some questions are marked "required". You must answer all of them before your entry will be accepted. Click "Next" to go to step 2.






4. On step 2, be sure to click the “Browse” button and locate your saved document in your computer. Click “Next” to go on to step 3.
5. On step 3 you will need to enter the following information:

Your first name	Name of sponsoring teacher
Your last name	Class
Age	School name
Grade	School phone number
6. Click the “Finish” button at the bottom of step 3 to submit your entry. Your work will be sent to the judges soon after you have submitted it. Once you have uploaded your document, your entry is final. **Please do your reviewing and editing BEFORE you submit your work to us.**


The judges will consider:

-  How well you share your feelings about Hawai'i and its environment.
-  How well you use standard sentence structure and grammar.
-  Originality. Your story must be your own work.

What happens to the best stories and poems?

-  25 Winners will be publicly announced on May 4, 2010.
-  A writing workshop will be held for the 25 winners on August 3, 2010.
-  Awards and prizes will be presented at the 18th Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference on August 4, 2010.
-  The top 25 stories will be compiled into a book and published, crediting you and your school.
-  These books will be on display at the 18th Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference from August 4-6 at the Hawai'i Convention Center and mailed to participating schools and all state libraries.

Need help with ideas?

-  See the winning stories from the 2009, 2008, and 2007 My Hawai'i Story Project at www.hawaiiconservation.org/myhawaii

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