

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Essay Contest

Essay Contest Coordinated By: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Essay Contest Sponsored By: Oklahoma Archery

Students must use the theme: The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: Why is it important that conservation is funded by hunters and anglers past, present and future? The essay must convey where the funding for conservation comes from and how it is used to manage wildlife and fisheries.

Eligibility: Students in grades 4-12 currently participating in the Oklahoma National Archery in the Schools program.

Deadline for Entry: March 9, 2012.

Number of Entries per school: There is no limit to the number of entries per school.

Specifications:

Essay should be double-spaced on white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with 1 inch margins on top, bottom and sides.

Length should be a minimum of 500 words, but not exceed 1,000 words.

Papers should be carefully proofed for spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar.

A completed entry form must be used as a cover sheet and stapled to the essay.

Judging: All essays will be judged how the student conveys how the North American Model is funded and the role it plays. Applicants will be judged on the use of the theme concept, creativity, neatness, proper grammar and punctuation. Five winners will be selected (one for each OKNASP region) and they will be notified by phone.

Prize: The five winners will each receive a combination hunting and fishing lifetime license courtesy of Oklahoma Archery. Winners will be presented their lifetime license at the Oklahoma National Archery in the Schools State Shoot in March. Essays may also be printed in Outdoor Oklahoma magazine.

All mailed entries must be postmarked no later than midnight March 7, 2012. Address entries to: WSFRP Essay Contest- I&E, ODWC, PO Box 53465, OKC, OK 73152.

Hand delivered entries must arrive at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Office, 1801 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City by 4:30 p.m., on March 9, 2012. No faxed entries will be accepted.

