



2019 World Citizen Essay Contest Rules

The World Affairs Council is proud to announce the 21st Annual World Citizen Essay Contest! This year, Washington State students in grades 3-12 are invited to respond to the following prompt:

According to the World Health Organization, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year between 2030 and 2050 due to increased malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and heat stress. Climate change can also have a negative impact on global health due to lack of clean air, safe drinking water, adequate food, and secure housing. If you had the opportunity to address the impact of climate change on global health, **WHERE** would you go, **WHAT** issue or concern would you try to solve and **WHY**, and **WHAT** steps would you take to bring about a sustainable solution?

Essay Format and Length

Essays must be **1,000 words or less**, typed and double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Works cited pages and essay title do not count toward this limit. Please refrain from the use of pictures in the essay.

Deadline and Submission

The World Affairs Council seeks to be as environmentally friendly as possible, so electronic submissions are required.

Essays are due **Friday, March 22nd, 2019**

Please send your essay and cover form via email to essaycontest@world-affairs.org in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format saved as <Your Name Grade>. For example, If Jane Doe is in the 5th grade, she would save her essay as JaneDoe5.doc. Make sure you submit a completed cover form along with your essay. The cover form should be saved as <Your Name CoverForm> ie JaneDoeCoverForm.doc

Do not include your name or school on your essay.

Essays are judged anonymously, so we ask that no identifying information appear in the essay. The cover form will be used to identify your essay for WAC staff. When submitting your essay email, please use "Essay Contest 2019 <First and Last Name>" as the subject.

Judging and Criteria

A panel of judges will select the winning entries. They will use the criteria established on the rubric to evaluate entries according to three equally-weighted categories: content, word choice & voice, and organization & conventions. In addition, there will be a pass/fail works cited category.

****Please see the judging rubric for detailed information. It is suggested that you use the rubric to evaluate your essay before submitting.**

Works Cited

As appropriate to grade level, other's ideas and supporting information must be cited and clearly identified.

Awards

Awards will be granted in each of the three categories: grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will have an opportunity to attend an award ceremony to receive a certificate, be recognized on the World Affairs Council website, and receive additional prizes.

Questions? Email essaycontest@world-affairs.org or call us at 206.441.5910 x317.

The goal of the World Citizen Essay Contest is to promote discussion among students, teachers, families, and community members about the ways that individuals can effect positive change in the global community. This coincides with the World Affairs Council's mission to promote dialogue and debate about international issues of critical importance to our region and world.