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The President's Environmental Youth Awards

The President's Environmental Youth Awards program encourages individuals, schools, summer camps and youth organizations to promote local environmental awareness and to channel this awareness into positive community involvement. Projects may involve almost any constructive form of environmental activity, for example, restoring damaged environments, protecting sensitive wetlands or enhancing community interest and involvement in environmental activities.

The program has two components: the local certificate program and the national awards competition. The certificates are awarded to young persons from kindergarten through twelfth grade as special recognition for their participation in environmental projects and are presented by regional offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The national awards winners are selected by the regional offices and administered through the EPA's headquarters in Washington, DC. Students may apply for either or both of the awards by completing an environmental project sponsored by an adult representative of their school, camp or youth group.

Students can help promote a clean environment in a variety of ways. They may choose work-oriented projects directly affecting the land, such as litter cleanup campaigns, adopt-a-beach programs and river cleanup projects. They may also design and implement projects to increase public awareness of environmental concerns, or study environmental issues through science experiments and projects.

Applications for the awards must be postmarked by August 31. Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting a regional EPA office. Residents of Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska) should write to EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101, ph. (913) 236-2800.

1989 Swackhamer Prizes Student Essay Contest

All high school seniors are invited to submit essays to the 1989 Swackhamer Prizes Student Essay Contest. The contest annually seeks student suggestions for constructive approaches to the problems of war and peace. The topic title for this year's competition is "What is the Importance of the Nuremberg Principles to Peace in the Nuclear Age?"

First prize for the competition is \$1500 with \$1000 and \$500 second and third prizes. All entries must be submitted by May 15, 1989, and prizes will be awarded August 15, 1989. For more information, contact the Nuclear Age Foundation, 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 123, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

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