Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association & Peoples Community Bank

Middle School Writing Competition

Open to all Virginia Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

Essay Theme: “Consider the Oyster”

Prizes: $500, $250, $100
$200 Prize to the School of the First Place Entry

Contest Deadline: December 15

Go to www.oystergardener.org for more information.

Great chance to have your writing published!!

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Middle School Writing Contest General Competition Guidelines

1. Open to all Virginia Middle School students, including home schooled students.

2. Nonfiction only, with the theme “Consider the Oyster.” Writers will create their own title for the article—other than using the words of the theme listed above. Student’s name, grade/school, and home town must be printed in three lines at the top right hand corner on each page of the entry.

3. Length: a firm 500-750 words which must be typed, double- spaced.

4. Electronic submissions are encouraged; send as a Microsoft Word or plain text attachment to the competition coordinator listed below.

5. Send essays with the completed submission form found on the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners website: www.oystergardener.org

6. By submitting the article to the competition, permission is granted by the parent(s) and student for TOGA to post or publish the article in publications or web sites as deemed appropriate by the TOGA Competition Judges, with compensation being limited to writer credit to the student author in order to reward and recognize writing excellence, and to promote the competition throughout the year.

7. Submissions not meeting the competition guidelines and criteria will be disqualified.

8. Submission deadline: December 15.

9. Send the submission form and essay via email (preferred) to:
lewistmn@msn.com
Subject: Middle School Writing Competition Submission

Or print form, complete and send with article as specified via postal mail to:
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If you have questions please call 804-693-2687. Good Luck!