



## **The Bluegrass Youth Sustainability Council**

We don't just stand on it. We stand for it.

### **2019 Essay Contest**

As temperatures continue to climb, endangered ecosystems continue to be destroyed, and pleas for conservation continue to fall on deaf ears, the plight of the earth couldn't be more dire. The Bluegrass Youth Sustainability Council is excited to announce its first annual essay contest.

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to submit an essay on one of the following topics:

- Describe the challenges in maintaining biodiversity worldwide. What methods should be promoted? What can you do to make a difference?
- What should policymakers consider when developing programs to combat global climate change? What worked in the past? What will work in the future?

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to submit an essay on one of the following topics:

- What do you see to be one of the most formidable obstacles to sustainability in your community? Design a solution to remedy this issue.
- What do you see to be one of the most formidable obstacles to sustainability in the world? Outline various solutions to this issue.

Prizes in the form of gift cards from sustainable businesses such as Third Street Stuff and Coffee will be awarded as such:

Grades 6-8: Top two essays

Grades 9-10: Top two essays

Grades 11-12: Top two essays

The school with the most entries will receive two solar cell phone chargers from the BYSC. The school with the second most entries will receive one.

Essay Requirements:

- Should be typed
- Around 250-750 words
- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman
- Size 12 Font

- If using information from outside sources, please properly cite them.
- Please include a cover sheet with name, grade, school, science teacher, email address, and phone number.

Essays should be submitted by March 31st to [bysclexington@gmail.com](mailto:bysclexington@gmail.com). Please put "Essay Contest" in the subject headline. Winners will be announced mid-April.