

Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association
and Chesapeake Bay Trust

High School Writing Competition

Open to all
Virginia High School Students



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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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General Competition Guidelines

1. Open to all Virginia High School students, including home schooled students.
2. The theme of the competition is **“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:
<http://www.oystergardener.org/youth-writing-competition>
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: High 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!

