



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Matters Essay Contest

The Green Matters Essay Contest is celebrating its eighth year! Since its inception Green Matters has received over a thousand entries, and has started an important discussion about youth engagement in environmental and sustainability issues.

The goal of the contest is to get students from Kindergarten to grade 12 thinking about the environment and what it takes ensure it has a bright future.

This year we want you to tell us about your feelings about the environment and what it means to protect it?

1. What does a healthy environment look like to you?
2. What does a healthy environment mean to you?
3. How can we change the future path of our environment?
4. As a person in this country do you think you have the right to live in a healthy environment?
5. Are there rules in Canada to protect your environment and you?

Resources to help you:

The New Brunswick Environmental Network: <http://nben.ca/>

Video from David Suzuki foundation: Today is the Day We

Decide: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D43PJOBLCJI>

The Blue Dot Plan: <http://bluedot.ca/the-plan/>

Law Now, Relating Law to Life in Canada: <http://www.lawnow.org/right-to-healthy-environment/>

Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment:

<http://www.unep.org/Documents.multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=97&ArticleID=1503>



**For grades K - 5** We want you to illustrate or write an essay to answer questions 1 – 3

**For grades 6 - 12** We are looking for a little more information. We want you to respond to all 5 questions. How did you feel about environmental issues before and after your research? How do we create change? You can respond by making a video, a power point presentation, writing an essay, writing a letter to someone who can help influence change. It's up to you!!

**Deadline**

Deadline for all submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.

**Eligibility**

There are four categories: Elementary school (K-2); Elementary school (3-5); Middle school; and, High school. Eligible students must currently be attending **City of Fredericton area schools** (refer to the list below) in Anglophone School District West (ASD-W) and District scolaire francophone Sud.

**Judging**

Entries will be judged for quality of the response. The panel will be comprised of three independent judges. There is one main prize in each of the elementary categories, and two prizes in each of the middle and high school categories. There is also one prize for creativity in each category that will be awarded based on the judges' discretion.

Winners will be contacted and then announced May 6, 2015, on the City Website

<http://www.fredericton.ca>

**Prizes**

The winner in each category will receive a cash prize and a certificate. Award presentations will be made at city council – date to be determined.

The breakdown is as follows:

Elementary Grades K-2	First Prize	\$150
	Creativity Prize	\$50
Elementary Grades 3-5	First Prize	\$150
	Creativity Prize	\$50
Middle School	First Prize	\$250
	Second Prize	\$100
	Creativity Prize	\$100
High School	First Prize	\$250
	Second Prize	\$100
	Creativity Prize	\$100

Eligible schools are:

**Elementary schools:** Barker's Point, Connaught Street, Forest Hill, Garden Creek, Liverpool Street, McAdam Avenue, Montgomery Street, Nashwaaksis Memorial, New Maryland, Park Street, Priestman Street, Royal Road, and Gibson Neill Memorial School.

**Middle schools:** Bliss Carman, George Street, Devon, and Nashwaaksis

**High schools:** Leo Hayes High School, Fredericton High School

**Francophone schools:** École Sainte-Anne and École des Bâtisseurs

**Once again, the Fredericton and Barkers Point Lions Club are sponsoring a collection of environment-themed books and other educational materials for the school that provides the most submissions, as a percentage of their school population.**

**So, get creative and have fun!**

### **Guidelines**

Submissions will be accepted in both official languages.

Should you choose a written submission, word count limits are as follows:

Elementary Grades K-2	Max. 150 words
Elementary Grades 3-5	Max. 250 words
Middle School	Max. 750 words
High School	Max. 1000 words

All written entries, except in the Elementary K-2 and 3-5 categories, must be typed, and double-spaced. Entries in the K-2 and 3-5 categories can either be typed or printed/written legibly.

Class sets of submissions in hard copy can be delivered to City Hall, or mailed to:

Green Matters  
PO Box 130, 397 Queen Street  
Fredericton, NB  
E3B 4Y7

We do prefer, however, that you make your submission electronically to [greenmatters@fredericton.ca](mailto:greenmatters@fredericton.ca).  
***Written submissions must be sent as file attachments in Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF format. If you have questions about other file formats please contact Suzie Lowthers at [suzie.lowthers@fredericton.ca](mailto:suzie.lowthers@fredericton.ca).***

**With all submissions, please include your name, school, teacher's name, and teacher's email address. Your teacher will be contacted in the event your submission is selected.**

If you have questions about the type of submission you are making, and if it is suitable, please don't hesitate to contact us.