

Working Forests Essay Contest

The Vermont Woodlands Association is a non-profit organization devoted to supporting private forest land ownership over the course of successive generations. Among the many benefits of long-term ownership is the thoughtful management of the forest that provides wildlife habitat, firewood and lumber, clean water, and a place for people to experience the outdoors.



It will be up to you and future generations to be the stewards of our landscape. We can, through good forestry practices, protect and conserve the ecological, cultural, and environmental integrity of our forests.



For this essay, our focus is on people and wildlife.

As the next generation of woodland stewards, we would like you to tell us, in 600 words or less, how we can sustainably manage our forests for people and wildlife. Conclude your essay by explaining what you would do to ensure that forest lands remain healthy, productive, and continuously present for people and wildlife for future generations.



Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three essays selected by our panel of judges.

- First prize \$1,000
- Second prize \$750
- Third prize \$500



This contest is open to high school students in Vermont. E-Mail entries of no more than 600 words to info@vermontwoodlands.org, or send them to Vermont Woodlands Association, PO Box 6004, Rutland, VT 05702 and include a daytime phone number. All entries must be received by January 15, 2014. Questions can be directed to 802-747-7900.

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