

# The University of Scranton

## Essay Contest Earth Day 2022

### “We Are All Connected”

Area students in grades 5-12 may participate in an environmental essay contest at The University of Scranton as part of its celebration of Earth Day 2022. The University’s Sustainability Office and student Sustainability and Conservation Society will announce the winners at a program for participants and their families and teachers on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**The theme for this year’s Essay Contest is: “We Are All Connected.”**

**Possible topics:** Conservation; recycling; healthy eating; animal agriculture; renewable energy; eliminating single use containers; bees; gardening; transportation; community; family; and school.

**Requirements:** Student essays need to clearly explain their position on their topic and include information on the topic’s impact on the environment. The essay should provide a clear understanding of the topic and the theme.

**5th and 6th grade essays must be between 200 and 400 words**

**7th, 8th, and 9th grade essays must be between 300 and 500 words**

**10th, 11th, and 12th grade essays must be between 500 and 700 words**

Each essay must be typed (word processed) and the original work of the submitter. Plagiarized submissions or handwritten essays will not be accepted. Submissions must include the student’s name, address, phone number, email, grade, age, and school. Please note, the name of student’s teacher should be included if this is part of a school or class project. All essays must also include the total number of words in the essay. There is no charge for submissions. The University reserves the right to choose which essays are showcased in its program. Contest winners will be announced and recognized at the April 20th event.

**Electronic Submissions should be emailed to:** [Susan.Falbo@scranton.edu](mailto:Susan.Falbo@scranton.edu).

**Deadline** for electronic submission is **April 4, 2022**

**Mail-in Submissions should be sent to:** The University of Scranton, Office of Sustainability, Smurfit Arts Center, 445 Madison Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18510, Attn: Earth Day Essay Contest. Submissions must be **postmarked on or before April 1, 2022**, to be considered.

**Judging:** Essays will be judged based on the following:

- 75% - Content. Important points to remember: essays must show a clear understanding of sustainability, your specific topic, and the impact on the environment.
- 15% - Grammar, spelling, etc.
- 10% - Form. Submissions must include student’s name, grade, school, and other requirements as listed above.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony on April 20. Finalists will receive certificates and Earth Day medals. The University reserves the right to choose which essays are showcased in its program.

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