Write Outside Your Door is a free writing competition sponsored by the Gateway Writing Project and the Missouri Botanical Garden. In its second year, Write Outside Your Door invites students from grades K-12 to submit a piece of writing that explores their experiences outside, with nature, and as a steward of the environment.

Contest opens for submission on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, May 3, 2019.

Guidelines

Students may submit stories, essays or poems that creatively address the theme.

Word Limits: Stories and essays should be limited to 1,000 words. Poetry should be kept between 3-30 lines.

Entries will be judged on merits of composition (grammar and organization), content (how well the theme has been addressed), and voice (word choice and style).

Prizes

Awards are available in four categories: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12.

All winners will receive a family membership to the Missouri Botanical Garden as well as an Emerging Writer’s prize pack.

Special Award: GWP will provide a One City Stories Scholarship ($450) for the 9-12th Grade winner.

Winners will have their work displayed at the Missouri Botanical Garden at the Green Living Festival on Saturday, June 1st, 2019.

Submitting Your Work:

Students may enter the contest by submitting the following ways:

Online: Complete the online submission form and upload a digital copy of the piece.

Print: Complete the cover sheet on the back of this flyer and mail a print copy to:

Missouri Botanical Garden
ATTN: Katherine Golden
4651 Shaw Blvd.,
St. Louis, MO 63110

Questions about the contest? Contact us at earthways.edu@mobot.org
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Submission Cover Sheet - Print

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If you are an educator submitting a class or group of submissions in one mailing, please include a cover sheet for each individual student submission.

Student Name:

School:

Grade Level:

Age:

Student Zip Code:

Contact Information (to be used to notify winners of selection)

If I am selected please contact (circle one):

Student (self)  Parent/Guardian  Teacher  Other

Contact Name (if different from student name):

Contact E-mail:

Contact Phone: