

English Writing Contest



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U.S. Embassy Hanoi's American Center invites all currently enrolled Vietnamese undergraduate* university students residing in northern Vietnam to submit an essay about the Environment.

Cash prizes will be awarded for **First Place (\$100)**, **Second Place (\$75)**, and **Third Place (\$50)**. Winners will receive their awards and have the option to read their submissions at an awards ceremony to take place in December 2010.

Essay Topic and Deadline

Word Count: 600- 800 words.

Topic:

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect -- Chief Seattle, 1855

Human development worldwide has depleted and polluted the "web of life" that Chief Seattle spoke about. What environmental challenges face your community or country? Describe what can be done to meet these challenges and who is responsible for protecting the environment for future generations.

Deadline: Midnight (Hanoi time) December 5, 2010.

Terms:

- Participation in the contest is free of charge.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be written in English and edited by the named participant, without assistance from others.
- Essays exceeding 800 words will be disqualified.
- Previous winners of the U.S. Embassy English Writing Contests (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) are NOT eligible.
- Points awarded for: originality, clarity, appropriate language use, effectiveness of argument and relevance to the topic.
- The Public Affairs Section is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible e-mail or for any computer-related, or technical malfunctions that may occur in the submission process.
- Submissions are considered void if illegible, incomplete, damaged, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud, theft or plagiarism.
- Submissions must originate from the writer's own e-mail account at time of entry.
- By participating in this contest, the winner grants the Embassy permission to use, copy, or quote from your essay as needed with attribution but without further compensation.

*Undergraduate students (sinh viên đại học) are eligible. Graduate students (those who have already earned their first degree at a university and are in a higher degree program) are NOT eligible.

Essay Format: Typed in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, font size 12. Do not include your name on the essay pages.

Submit: Submit your essay using the online form: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/196>

**Awards ceremony will take place in December 2010.
Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.**