



The Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest

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The Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation is pleased to announce an annual college scholarship essay contest open to high school seniors in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. To be eligible, the student must write an essay on either of our suggested topics and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. There are no charges or fees required to enter this annual scholarship contest.

The Olympic Peninsula Chapter has established this scholarship to *promote interest in local beach conservation*. This is a priority of the Surfrider Foundation around the world; foundation members believe in preservation as well as access, ecosystem protection, and water quality. Our chapter is comprised of community members that frequently visit and partake in water related uses along our coastline. We believe this scholarship will benefit future coastline management by reminding all of us of the value of our local beaches – even if you aren't a surfer!

The annual Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation Essay Contest will provide a one-time award of \$500 to the writer of the selected essay. Essays are required to be 500 to 700 words in length and can be written on either of our suggested topics.

The application deadline is April 25, 2015. To learn more about the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, visit <http://olympicpeninsula.surfrider.org/>.



Student Information

Student Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

High School _____

GPA (please attach transcripts) _____

College _____

Area of Study _____

We may be interested in sharing your essay with the community. Do we have permission to publish your essay for others to enjoy? Yes No

Essay Options

In 500 to 700 words, please respond to either Option A or Option B.

Option A: What is the name of your favorite beach in Clallam or Jefferson County? What makes this beach special to you? Please share your favorite memory and/or why it is important to you. Why is it important to protect this beach for future generations to enjoy? How would you protect it?

Option B: If you are a current Surfrider member, please share your experience volunteering with our organization. What is the most important project or initiative you are involved with? Why? How do you believe the Surfrider foundation helps the community and our local beaches?

Rules & Deadlines

- All eligibility criteria must be met in order to be considered.
 - ✓ High school senior
 - ✓ Clallam or Jefferson County resident
 - ✓ GPA of 2.5 or higher (with transcripts)
- Essay, completed student information, and supporting documentation must be postmarked or emailed by **April 25th**.
- The award will be announced on **May 15th**.
- The award will be disbursed directly to the student's college.
- Please submit application materials by mail or as an email attachment.
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