

'Share the Road' Youth Writing/Video Contest

Over \$1,600 to be awarded to youths through 2011

To encourage more to become active and gain a larger audience of bicyclists the 'Share the Road' Campaign of Minnesota and HaveFunBiking.com will support budding writers and videographers, via its annual Youth Writing/Video Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in grades 6 –12 for any bike related, written (prose) submission, or video category. Through 2011 and into 2012, two \$50 cash prizes will be awarded each month: 1. for the best written submission and 2. for the best video submission. If you are a, or know of a student who would like to enter the contest, rules can be found below. Eligible entries must be published during the calendar years of 2011 or 2012. Submissions for this monthly contest will be accepted through April 31, 2012.

2011-2012 Youth Writing/Video Contest Rules

1. All submissions for the contest must be available in an electronic format to be published at www.havefunbiking.com. Any submissions published in any another media (newsletter, newspaper, magazine, literary collection, u-Tube, etc. will also qualify for this contest, but must be available to HaveFunBiking.com for reprint.
2. At the time the bike related piece is submitted or accepted for publication, the author must be a student in grades 6 –12 (*including prep school*) to enter. At the end of each month, a \$50 cash prize will be awarded for each: the best written; and to the best video entry submitted in a given month through April 31, 2012.
3. The topic must be bicycle oriented (*Active Living, BMX, commuting or Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, mountain biking, recreational riding, road/track racing, trail riding, touring, etc.*). Any prose form is acceptable.
4. Entrants must submit, electronically the piece they plan to post, along with a cover page that includes the following: the entrant's full name and mailing address; e-mail address; name of school and grade at the time of submission; other medias the piece may have been published (*optional*); and the teacher who reviewed the work being submitted for this contest. Please include the teachers name and e-mail address for verification. If these criteria are not met, the entry will be disqualified from the contest, but may be posted.

5. Students may enter as many electronic written stories or videos as they wish, as entries will be awarded at the end of each month through April 31, 2012. Written submissions should be no longer than 800 words and include an accompanying photo (*j-peg format and photo subject description*) is suggested. Video submissions should be between 3 to 7 minutes (*maximum of 8 minutes*) and should be u-tube ready if note already posted.
6. Deadline for receiving entries is the fourth Monday of each month through 2011. Send entries to editor@HaveFunBiking.com, In the subject line of the e-mail submission, please title it, Youth Writing/Video Contest and specify "Written" or "Video."
7. Winners of both the written and the video category will be announce the following month in HaveFunBiking's e-Magazine sent out to over 25,000 people interested in bicycling. The HaveFunBiking.com media's reserves the right to reprint any articles/or videos in its publications.

Story Ideas

- My favorite route to school, the store, etc and how it has benefited me.
- A favorite trail I like to ride
- Bike events I have attended
- How the 'Active Living' or 'Complete Streets' initiative will help my area
- What bike safety means to me
- What is happening around the bikeshop in my neighborhood
- Bicycling to stay healthy
- A special ride outing with my family
- And, any other ride idea, experiences or acknowledgement that will make a good story

Have Fun and Tell Us Why!