



# 2021 Earth Day Video Contest

## Official Rules and Video Release Form

Earth Day is Thursday, April 22. The theme for this year's global day of environmental activism is "Restore Our Earth." The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control invites Delaware's students to submit 30-second videos that answer:

### **"What should we be doing to protect and restore our Earth?"**

#### **I. How to Enter**

1. Complete the online Entry and this Official Rules and Video Release Form and upload a short (not to exceed 30 seconds) video answering, "What should we be doing to protect and restore our Earth?"
2. If the participant is a child under the age of 18, the child's parent or guardian must complete and submit this Release Form. If more than one child is included in a video submission, a Release Form must be completed for each child by the child's parent or guardian.

#### **II. Official Rules**

1. **Deadline for Entry:** The video submission, and the completed Entry and Release Form(s) must be submitted via the following [Link to Google Form/Entry Portal] by Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.
  - The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") shall not accept late or incomplete entries, or entries that have not followed these Official Rules.
  - DNREC reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control. DNREC will take reasonable steps to notify of any adjustments made to deadlines.
2. **Content:**
  - Video submissions must not contain inappropriate, indecent, or obscene content. DNREC has sole discretion in determining whether any video submission contains inappropriate, indecent, or obscene content. Video submissions determined by DNREC to contain inappropriate, indecent, or obscene content shall be rejected by DNREC.
  - Video submissions must be original, previously unpublished, and created solely by the submitting entrant(s), and not violate the intellectual property rights, copyright, or right of property of any third party. DNREC will reject video submissions that it determines, in its sole discretion, contain copyrighted materials. Video submissions that have been entered into other contests, or have been published elsewhere (newspapers, magazines, online, etc.) are not eligible.
  - Video submissions should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared.
  - Videos may not include other discernable people, names, signatures, logos or other identifying marks.

### **III. Eligibility**

1. This contest is open to all legal residents of the State of Delaware who are between the ages of 5 and 19 at the time of entry.
2. Children of DNREC employees may submit videos in accordance with these Official Rules. Children of DNREC employees; however, are not eligible to win prizes.

### **IV. Judging and Selection of Winning Entries**

1. The judging panel will consist of DNREC staff and include a videographer, an educator, and a scientist. One winner will be selected from each of three categories based on grade: Grades K through 4, Grades 5 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12.
2. Video submissions shall be judged and winning entries for each category shall be selected based on how well the videos represent the following criteria: message/theme (40%), visual effectiveness (30%), originality/creativity (20%), and universal appeal (10%).
3. DNREC has sole discretion over the selection of winning entries for each category. By entering this contest, entrants waive any right they have to dispute or otherwise challenge DNREC's selection of the winning entries.

### **V. Prizes for Winning Entries**

1. The winners in each category will receive the following: a \$500 gift card, a Delaware State Parks annual pass for 2021, a gift bag, and an award certificate.
2. DNREC will make reasonable efforts to notify winners by phone or email by April 16, 2021. Contest winners will be announced publicly via email, news release(s) and social media on Earth Day, April 22, 2021. All Winners will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony to be held at a Delaware location (TBD) on Earth Day, April 22, 2021.

### **VI. General Provisions:**

1. Video Release: By entering this Contest and submitting this completed Release Form, I, on behalf of myself and, if applicable, the Child identified on this Release Form, grant permission to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and its employees a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, nonexclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the Video submission, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any State of Delaware or DNREC purpose, including, but not limited to advertising and promotion of DNREC in print, its web site, and its publications. By entering this Contest, I further agree that the Video submission complies with to these Official Rules I will make no monetary or other claim against DNREC or the State of Delaware for the use of any content provided DNREC in connection with My or My Child's Participation in this Contest.
2. DNREC is an Agency of the State of Delaware subject to Delaware's Freedom of Information Act (29 Del. C. 10001 et seq). Participants are advised that any information provided to DNREC in conjunction with this Contest may be deemed a public record under FOIA.

3. No Third Party Rights: This Release Form affects the rights, obligations, and duties of the Parties only. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, nothing in this Release Form is intended to, nor shall it be interpreted or construed in a manner which shall: (a) grant any third party the right to enforce any of the terms, rights, or obligations set forth herein; (b) confer any substantive or procedural rights or privileges to any third party in relation to or arising out of any collateral civil or criminal legal proceeding; or (c) waive or otherwise affect the sovereignty of the State of Delaware or the application of 10 Del. C. § 4001, et seq. to any civil proceeding involving any officer, employee, or agent of the State of Delaware.
4. These Terms shall governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. Any legal action brought by either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall be brought in an appropriate Delaware State Court.

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Participant's Name (please print)

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Participant's Age

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Participant's Signature (if 18 or older)

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Date

If Participant is under the age of 18 at the time of entering this Contest, the minor Participant's Parent or Guardian must complete this portion of this Release Form. A separate Release Form is required for each minor appearing in a Video Submission.

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Parent or Guardian Name (please print)

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date