



# 21st Annual Student Nature Writing Contest

**Sponsored by Redwood Region Audubon Society**

**Up to 6 cash prizes to be awarded to the best essay(s) or poem(s)  
by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in Grades 4-12  
on “What Nature Means to Me”**

One entry per student. Entries should be no more than 500 words in length.

**The 500-word count limit will be enforced.** Title, author, grade, school, and contact information do not count toward the 500 words. **First-person accounts are preferred.** Topics suitable for exploration include, but are not limited to, bird watching, duck hunting, animal rescue, and other interactions with the natural world.

All cash prize and honorable mention winners will be published in a downloadable booklet posted on the RRAS website ([www.rras.org](http://www.rras.org)). First-place winners also will be published in the Chapter's *Sandpiper* newsletter.

Entries submitted by individuals must include student name, school name, grade, teacher name, and student e-mail and phone number.

Entries submitted by teachers must include student name, school name, grade, teacher name, and teacher e-mail and phone number.

**Deadline for receipt: 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026.**

**No entries will be accepted after this time.**

Send submissions to [sueleskiw1@gmail.com](mailto:sueleskiw1@gmail.com) with “Nature Writing Contest” in the Subject line. Submissions can be text within the body of an e-mail or an attached Word document (**no Google docs**). Or mail a printout to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Ln, McKinleyville CA 95519.