
The Green Power of One

We can make a positive difference—in ourselves, our homes, neighborhoods, and broader communities—by learning about and adopting practices that develop new patterns for 21st Century living. WE CAN’s fourth annual competition encourages the idea that each individual has the personal power to alter their behaviors to be respectful of the Earth generally and immediate environments specifically, by exploring the following four categories of sustainable activity.

Healthy Eating Physical Fitness Recycling Land Use

2009-10 Competition Prizes

Competition	Grand Prize	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
WE CAN LEARN <i>Grades 5-6</i>	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
WE CAN UNDERSTAND <i>Grades 7-8</i>	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
WE CAN LOVE <i>Grades 9-10</i>	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
WE CAN DREAM <i>Grades 11-12</i>	\$1,000	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$250.00

Competition Rules

- Entrants must be Los Angeles County students, grades 5-12
- The Essay must be written in the first person and not exceed 2,500 words.
- The Essay must be typed, double-space, on 8.5” x 11” paper
- The Essay must have a cover page with: (1) Entrant’s full name and address; (2) name and address of the Entrant’s school; (3) Entrant’s grade and age; (4) a parent/guardian signature; and (5) Entrant’s signature
- Staple all pages. Fold essay in thirds and mail in a number 10 (business) envelope.

Postmark Deadline: **March 1, 2010**

Mail Entry to: **WE CAN ESSAY, P O Box 663**
Woodstock, NY 12498-0663

Finalist Notification Date: **April 15, 2010**

WE CAN LEARN

Essay Competition for Grades 5-6

SUBJECT / ESSAY TITLE:

“The power of food—more than taste.”

WE CAN UNDERSTAND

Essay Competition for Grades 7-8

SUBJECT / ESSAY TITLE:

“Physical fitness is power because ... ”

WE CAN LOVE

Essay Competition for Grades 9-10

SUBJECT / ESSAY TITLE:

“Loving Earth—the power of re-use.”

WE CAN DREAM

Essay Competition for Grades 11-12

SUBJECT / ESSAY TITLE:

“Beyond lawns—alternate and sustainable uses for private and / or public land.”

Start researching and thinking, and ...

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