

# 2010 Bald Eagle Essay Contest

## “Is It Important to Preserve the Bald Eagle in the Wild?”

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**Purpose:** Since it was placed on the Endangered Species List over 30 years ago, our national symbol, the bald eagle, has come back from being endangered in 43 states, to actually being delisted by the FWS. In order to ensure that this comeback remains a reality, so the bald eagle may continue to fly free over our great nation, we need to develop an awareness among our nation’s young people that the Bald Eagle must remain a viable part of our environment and our heritage. ENF is proud to provide this opportunity for our coming generation to express their views on the importance of our Symbol of Freedom to the world, and to future generations. We want students to stress the pros and cons of saving our National Symbol in the wild.

**Rules:** The essay must be entitled “Is It Important to Preserve the Bald Eagle in the Wild?”, and must be limited to 500 words or less. There is no cost to the school or the student to enter the contest. Each public school, private school or home school, will be limited to two entries in the Jr. high division and two entries in the Sr. high school division. Therefore, to comply with this requirement, all entries must be prejudged by the school staff, so only the school’s two best essays are entered. **All entries must be postmarked no later than September 13, 2010.** To be eligible for a prize each student must orally present his or her own essay at Eagle Fest, on Sept. 25.

**Judging:** Our preliminary panel of judges will choose the top four entries in each division. The eight finalists, 4 from each division, will be notified of their being chosen by Sept. 20, 2010. The final judging will take place at 1:00 pm, Sept. 25, during the Fall Eagle Festival in Ullsvik Hall at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, WI, when the eight semi-finalists **must orally present their essays** to the general public in order to qualify for any of the prizes. Prizes will be awarded at the judge’s discretion. We need to know the shirt size of each student, as each of the semifinalists will be given a t-shirt to wear during the Eagle Fest, so the general public will be able to identify them.

**Awards:** The first place winner in each division will receive a check for \$100, plus a trophy; the second place winner will receive \$50; third place winner \$25; and fourth place winner \$10. A public, private school, or home school, represented by the top essay winner in each division will receive a plaque and \$50 for the department, or family teacher, conducting the essay contest.

Copies of this form are acceptable. For extra forms or further information, please call or write -

**Eagle Nature Foundation**  
**300 East Hickory Street**  
**Apple River, IL 61001**  
**Phone: 815-594-2306**

**Bald Eagle Essay Contest Registration Form** (Must Accompany Each Essay)

Junior High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_  
t-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Principal or Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

School’s Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked no later than, **September 13, 2010.**

**Please return registration forms and essays to: ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001**