



STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

Cash prizes for the winning writers and their classrooms!

National Forest Products Week is October 20-26, 2024. To celebrate, the Idaho Forest Products Commission sponsors a statewide writing contest for all K-12 students in Idaho.

Requirements

- See next page for Background Statement, Writing Prompts & Scoring Criteria.
- Include 1) student name, 2) teacher name, 3) teacher email, 4) grade level, 5) school name, and 6) town on each entry.
- Submissions must be in the students' own handwriting or typing.
- Submit top five entries per class. Teachers with multiple sections of a class may send the top five entries per section.
- Include a list of all student writers for Certificates of Participation.

Each winning writer receives a certificate and a cash prize. Their classroom receives \$100. Honorable mentions are also awarded. Certificates of Participation are available for every writer.

Prizes



Submissions

Online: Upload at idahoforests.org/writingcontest

Email: plt@idahoforests.org

Mail: IFPC Writing Contest, 350 N 9th St, #102, Boise ID 83702

Due date

Submit or postmark by **November 8, 2024.**

Standards

The contest helps students develop flexibility in writing for a specific task, purpose and audience, as well as meeting other Idaho English Language Arts standards. Encourage students to access informational texts and use evidence to support their reasoning. Find links to resources at idahoforests.org/writingcontest.

Questions

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[IdahoForests.org/writingcontest](https://idahoforests.org/writingcontest)





FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK WRITING CONTEST

BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Forests and trees provide many things—clean air and water; beautiful places to play and relax; homes for birds, fish and other wildlife; carbon storage; energy savings and numerous wood and paper products people use every day. One of the best things about trees is that they are a renewable resource. When trees are harvested, new ones grow or can be planted. With sustainable forestry practices, our forests can continue to provide their many benefits for generations to come.

WRITING PROMPT for Grades K-5

Trees and forest products touch your life every day. Write a letter to an audience of Idaho trees or a forest, expressing how you appreciate what they do for you, and what you’ll do to ensure healthy trees and forests for the future. *K-1st graders may write or use any other media.*

NEW!!! WRITING PROMPT for Grades 6-12

With the current focus on sustainability, wood is surging in popularity. Conduct research to learn more, and then write a script for a 30-second audio Public Service Announcement (PSA) to an audience of your peers about the environmental merits of using wood for construction.

GUIDELINES

- K-1st grades: K-1st graders may write or use any other media
- 2nd-3rd grades: May write up to 250 words
- 4th-5th grades: May write up to 350 words
- 6th-12th grades: A 30-second audio PSA uses 60-90 words. Submit your typed PSA script on one page.
- **NEW!** Written submissions must be produced by the student in their own handwriting or, if typed, typed by them.

SCORING CRITERIA

35%	Writing	Ideas are communicated clearly. The document is organized and is neatly handwritten or typed. If typed, it must have been typed by the student. Grammar, spelling and punctuation are correct. Contest guidelines are followed.
30%	Content Accuracy	Writing clearly relates to the topic, is accurate and provides supporting details and/or examples. If applicable, sources are cited.
35%	Originality / Likeability	Writing shows individual thinking skills. Student voice is evident. The reader is engaged and would like to read more from this student.

