

'Share the Road' Youth Writing/Video Contest

\$1,200 to be awarded to youths in 2010

To further the sport of bicycling and gain a larger audience of bicyclists the 'Share the Road' Campaign of Minnesota and HaveFunBiking.com will help budding writers and videographers via its annual Youth Writing/Video Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in grades 6 -12 for any bike related, poetry and prose categories. In 2010 two \$50 cash prizes will be awarded each month, one for the best written and the other for the best video submission. If you know of a student who would like to enter the contest, rules are found below. Eligible entries must be published during the calendar year 2010. Submissions for this year's monthly contest will be accepted through December 27, 2010.

2010 BikeMN Youth Writing/Video Contest Rules

1. All submissions for the contest must be available in an electronic format to be published at HaveFunBiking.com in 2010. Any submissions published after January 1, 2010 in any another media (newsletter, newspaper, magazine, literary collection, u-Tube, etc. will also qualify for the contest.
2. At the time the bike related piece is submitted or accepted for publication, the author must be a student in grades 6 -12 (including prep school) to enter. At the end of each month, a \$50 cash prize will be awarded for both the best written and to the best video entry submitted.
3. The topic must be bicycle oriented (BMX, commuting or running errands, complete streets, mountain biking, recreational riding, road/track racing, trail riding, touring, etc.). Any prose or poetic form is acceptable.
4. Entrants must submit, electronically the piece they plan to post, a cover page must be on the front of the submission and needs to include the following: the entrant's mail address; e-mail address; name of school and grade at the time of submitting; places the piece may have been published (optional); and the teacher who reviewed the work being submitted for this contest, please include their name and e-mail address for verification. If these criteria are not met, the entry will be disqualified from the contest, but may be posted.
5. Students may enter as many electronic written pieces or videos as they wish, as entries will be awarded at the end of each month through 2010. Written submissions should be no longer than 800 words and an accompanying photo (j-peg) is suggested. Video

submissions should be between 3 to 7 minutes, maximum of 8 minutes and should be u-tube ready if note already posted.

6. Deadline for receiving entries is the fourth Monday of each month. Send entries to Editor@HaveFunBiking.com, In the subject line of the e-mail submission, title it, "Youth Writing/Video Contest and specify "Written" or "Video."
7. Winners of both the written and the video category will be announce the following month in HaveFunBiking's e-Magazine sent out to over 20,000 people interested in bicycling. The HaveFunBiking.com media's reserves the right to reprint any articles/or videos in its publications.

Story Ideas

- My favorite route to school, the store, etc.
- The trails in my area
- Bike events I have attended
- How the 'Complete Streets' initiative will help my area
- What bike safety means to me
- What is happening around the bikeshop in my neighborhood
- Bicycling to stay healthy
- A special ride outing with my family
- And, any other ride idea or experience that will make a good story

HaveFun!