



2012 Arizona Educational Foundation's

"Polly" Rosenbaum Writing Contest

"What is My Energy Future?"

What it is:

The AEF "Polly" Rosenbaum Writing Contest is named for Polly Rosenbaum, a former State Representative and teacher. This writing contest is a long-standing tradition. Mrs. Rosenbaum, who passed away in 2003 at the age of 104, believed Arizona's young people to be the state's greatest resource. APS and the Arizona Educational Foundation say, "Thank you Polly!" for many years of hard work and dedication in support of education.



Who can enter: All students currently enrolled in Arizona Public schools in grades 7-12 are eligible to compete in the contest in one of three categories: Grades 7 & 8; Grades 9 & 10; Grades 11 & 12. The number of entries submitted per teacher is limited to 10; one entry per student is allowed. Teachers are encouraged to submit only the best from their classes; schools are encouraged to submit only the best from their schools.

Criteria: Students must submit a creative writing piece – an essay, poem, story, play, etc. – NOT just a factual report – based on the theme: "What is My Energy Future?" The entry must be typed,

no smaller than 12-point font, double-spaced, no less than one-inch margins all around with a maximum of 500 words. Each student must complete and sign the Entry Form (enclosed; you may make copies), which must be stapled to each entry. Do not put the student's name on the creative writing piece itself. Contest entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 13, 2012. Entries will not be returned.

What to write: Please visit www.aps.com and click the link "Arizona's Energy Future," watch the videos and then tell us what your energy future will look like.

Judging: Judging will be based on relevance to the topic "My Energy Future" as well as correct grammar and spelling, thoughtfulness, originality, creativity, and style. Adhere to technical specifications. Entries will be judged separately in the three grade level categories so that 7th graders are not competing with 12th graders.

Representatives from the contest sponsors, educators, and community leaders will judge the entries. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Prizes:

Judges will select at least one winner from each of the three grade categories; runners-up in any of the grade categories may also be named. First, second and third place winners will be recognized on Arizona Statehood Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, **February 14, 2012**. First, second and third place winners along with their two guests will be invited to lunch at the State Capitol; first place winners may be asked to read their essay. Prize packages are as follows for each category: 1st place: \$50 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store; 2nd place: \$25 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store; 3rd place: \$15 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store. All participants will receive a commemorative pen.

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