

*LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PLUMAS COUNTY*

*2020 NANCY LUND MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST*

# **CLIMATE CHANGE**

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

Climate Change is a much-debated issue of our time, from rising sea levels to catastrophic fires and floods. Some scientists say we have little time to avert the most damaging effects. What aspect of climate change is most immediate to you? Write an essay describing what actions are most urgent and how you would go about tackling them. Include an analysis of the factors that contributed to this aspect of climate change.

Here are some questions to guide your research:

- Is climate change a human-caused phenomenon?
- What are the most immediate effects of climate change on Plumas County?
- What are the obstacles to taking action?
- What are the consequences associated with action? With no action?
- Do you see a connection between climate change and the coronavirus pandemic?

**Theme:** Climate Change

**Prizes:** \$250 to grand winner and \$75 to up to three honorable mention winners.

**Eligibility:** Plumas County students in grades 9 through 12.

**Length:** 500 words maximum.

**Deadline:** November 20, 2020.

**Judging:** League members will judge the essays after entrants' identifications have been removed. Winners will be announced by December 18, 2020.

**Judging criteria:**

**Theme development** = 25 points

How well are the ideas developed and the point of view presented?

**Originality** = 25 points

How original are the ideas and their presentation?

**Clarity** = 25 points

How clearly and concisely are the thoughts presented?

**Writing technique** = 20 points

Does the essay use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation?

**Manuscript appearance** = 5 points

Is the essay neat and legible in appearance? Each entry must include the student's full name, school, home address and telephone number.

***ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 20, 2020!!***

**MAIL:** Essays must be postmarked by November 20, 2020 to League of Women Voters, Box 1815, Quincy, CA, 95971.

**E-MAIL:** Essays must be mailed electronically by 5 pm, November 20, 2020. Only attachments in Word format will be accepted. Do not embed your essay in your email to [lww.plumas@gmail.com](mailto:lww.plumas@gmail.com).

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