



Greetings!

We here at the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance hope that you are as excited about our new program feature as we are! As part of our Go Green Youth Challenge initiative, we are also holding a Creative Writing Contest. We encourage all K-12 Michigan students to show us their creativity and imagination and tell us **"If You Were a Tree, What Tree Would You Be and Why?"**

We all know that trees are important to the environment. They provide food, shelter, cooling shade, and of course, oxygen so we can breathe. But what role do trees play in your life? Do you have a favorite tree? Were trees important in a special memory? Do you think it's important to plant and care for trees? How do you think the trees view the world? Students are urged to draw on personal experiences, and remember, creativity and originality count.

So here's how to enter:

1. Create an original piece of writing, any type will be accepted, that is 350 words or less
2. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font
3. Print and fill out the Creative Writing Contest Entry Form (and be sure to have a parent/guardian sign it)
4. Contest runs from January 12 until March 9, 2015
5. Mail your entry by **March 13, 2015**
6. Mail both the Entry Form and your creative work to:

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance
Attn: GGYC Creative Writing Contest
551 Courthouse Dr., Suite 3
Charlotte, MI 48813

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. A full contest description, scoring rubric and complete contest rules can be found at www.miarbordayalliance.org/creative-writing-contest.html.

If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Hunnell at miarborday@gmail.com or call (517) 543-5848 ext. 5.

