WRITING & ART CONTEST

The Topeka Zoo is hosting a Writing and Art Contest! People of all ages can submit a piece of writing or work of art that centers on conservation issues happening in the world right now.

THEME:

Write a fictional story or create an art piece raising awareness of any real-life conservation issue (habitat loss, poaching, climate change, threatened and endangered species, and more).

WRITING CONTEST:

The writing contest was launched in 2018, so this is our 8th year doing this! The story can be from the point-of-view of an animal, person, etc. It does not have to be sad, it just needs to raise awareness of the issues. There is **no minimum or maximum page requirement**, and there can be illustrations included, short stories, comics, etc.

ART CONTEST:

Launched by the Topeka Zoo's High School EcoClub, the art contest is in its 5th year! You can submit any kind of art (drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, etc.) **We ask that your art piece not exceed 2x2 feet.**

PRIZES:

ALL who enter either contest get **free entry for Earth Day** on Saturday, April 18, 2026. This is just for those who enter, not their families, but all family members are encouraged to participate in the contests!

Winners will be announced on Facebook Live earlier in the week. There will be one **winner for each age category for each contest.**

Winners will also get to choose one prize from the following options:
- Gift Shop Gift Certificate
- Zoo Membership
- Animal Painting

AGE CATEGORIES FOR CONTESTS:

- Kindergarten-2nd grade
- 3rd-5th grade
- 6th-8th grade
- 9th-12th grade
- Adult

One winner PER age category!

TO SUBMIT:

Deadline to submit: **Sunday, April 6th, 2026.** Creative works can be **dropped off at the zoo or emailed to education@topekazoo.org** with *__name, grade, school, and contact email__*.

For more information:

topekazoo.org/competition

Contact education@topekazoo.org or 785-368-9137 with questions.