



I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East

Bridging Futures Art and Essay Contest Information

Contest Guidelines

Who is eligible?

- Any Washington State resident who is currently enrolled in elementary school (grades K-5).

What are the criteria?

- Drawings must be submitted on an 8 ½" by 11" piece of paper.
- Artwork should demonstrate how we can make I-90 safer for people and wildlife. Students are encouraged to invent a way for fish and wildlife to safely cross the road under, over or through the highway.
- Examples from last year's contest can be viewed at www.i90wildlifebridges.org.
- Essays should describe the drawing and answer the following question: Why is it important to consider animals when designing highways? There is no word limit for the essay.
- A permission slip must be completed for the submission to be considered.
- Please include the student's name, teacher, school and grade level on the back of each drawing and on each essay.

What resources are available?

The following information can be accessed on the I-90 Project Web page (www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I90/SnoqualmiePassEast) or mailed upon request:

- Classroom discussion guide to help plan your lesson.
- 3D fly-through video of the I-90 Project, which includes wildlife under- and overcrossings.
- In-depth video about the history and importance of the I-90 Project.
- Project activity books to help explain wildlife and highways.

Project staff members are available to give a presentation to your class upon request.

When is the deadline?

Contest entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 20, 2012.

Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact:

Meagan McFadden, WSDOT Communications; McfaddM@wsdot.wa.gov; 509-577-1618 or Jen Watkins, I-90 Bridges Coalition; jwatkins@conservationnw.org; 206-675-9747 x 203

Who will judge the entries?

The staff of the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition and WSDOT's I-90 Project team will select the finalists. Guest judges from around the state, including a representative from the Governor's office, will pick the top two winners. Winners will be announced within a couple weeks of the contest end date.

