



TENNESSEE CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

705 FORT NEGLEY COURT
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

High School Essay Contest 2015 - 2016

The Tennessee Concrete Association (TCA) is once again sponsoring the annual *High School Essay on Concrete Contest* for Tennessee and your students are invited to participate.

All entries into Tennessee Concrete Association's Essay Contest will be judged by a panel of industry personnel and TCA will award cash prizes to the first place (\$250), second-place (\$100) and third-place (\$50) essays. The TCA contest winners will have their essays published in the spring edition of *Tennessee Concrete* magazine in addition to the cash prizes.

The winner of the Tennessee contest will be entered into the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's (NRMCA) nationwide essay contest. The winner of the national contest will be flown, along with a parent or guardian, to NRMCA's 2016 convention in San Diego, California in March 2016. He/she will be selected from the entries generated from respective statewide contests.

The entries received by NRMCA will be judged by industry executives and college/university faculty members with a concrete-related background. In addition to being NRMCA's guest at the convention and being introduced at the convention's business session, the national winner will also receive a scholarship of \$5,000 if they enroll in a concrete-related curriculum such as those offered at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, California State University at Chico, and Texas State University in San Marcos. Other eligible programs are Alpena College in Michigan or Rhodes State College in Ohio, for his or her freshman year. Should the winner not choose to enroll in a concrete-related curriculum, he or she will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the freshman year at the college of his or her choice. All state entries will receive a certificate of appreciation from NRMCA for entering the contest along with a notification of the winner.

The rules are as follows:

- ~Open to all high school students ages 16-18 at the beginning of the school term.
- ~Essay must be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 600 words.
- ~Submit a hard copy of the essay accompanied by an entry form (enclosed)
- ~Send essay and entry form to: office@tnconcrete.org
- ~Essays will be judged on content and writing ability (grammar, style, clarity, etc.).
- Remember, this is not a report about concrete but an **essay** about concrete.
- ~Winning essay authors will be asked to submit a photo.

Essay idea starters: Concrete's positive effects on environment, the job market, etc.
Concrete's benefits to society.
Concrete is green.

Both TCA and NRMCA reserve the right to publish the winning entries in whole or in part.
All entries become the property of TCA, and entries in the national contest become the property of NRMCA.

Please submit entries by **Friday, December 4, 2015.**

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High School Essay Contest Entry Form

Entry Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____ Cell #: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student's Birth Date: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

School Address _____

School Contact (Name, email, & phone # of a teacher or school official familiar with the student)

Name _____ email _____ phone _____

I have read the rules of the 2015-2016 Tennessee Concrete Association/National Ready Mixed Concrete Association Essay Contest and agree to abide by them:

Student signature _____ Date _____

I have read the rules of the 2015-2016 Tennessee Concrete Association/National Ready Mixed Concrete Association Essay Contest and agree to abide by them:

Parent or Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Mail essay & entry form hardcopy to:
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705 Fort Negely Court Nashville, TN 37203 Ph. (615) 360-7393
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Sponsored by:
Tennessee Concrete Association &
National Ready Mix Concrete Association

- Win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place cash prizes
1st place-\$250 2nd place-\$100 3rd place-\$50
- Be the 1st place winner of the essay contest in Tennessee and be entered into the national essay contest.
- Be the winner of the national contest and be flown to San Diego, California.

Ways to Win!!

- ◆ Open to high school students ages 16-18.
- ◆ Essays must be typed: **double-spaced & 600 words or less.**
- ◆ Essays judged on content & writing ability (grammar, style, clarity, etc.).

Deadline: _____

School's Contact Person: _____

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WINNERS!