



## Upon Entering:

- You represent and warrant that you meet the requirements and qualifications for this contest and that you have read these Rules and are fully familiar with them.
- All entries that meet the requirements are automatically entered into a pool of consideration for the prizes: 1st place receives \$750, runner-up receives \$250. In addition, applicants located in Tracy/West San Joaquin County would be entered into a pool for a \$500 Community Award. Applicants can only win one prize.
- Winning submissions will also be screened on Wednesday, December 4th 2024 at the Main Livermore Library, and all contestants are invited. Winners are requested to attend, if possible, to receive their award ceremony.
- If you are under 18, you represent that you have your parent or guardian's permission to enter the Contest.

## Guidelines

- **Runtime:** Video submissions must be 4-6 minutes long, including any credits.
- **Topic:** Contestants will film a video about environmental issues in Tracy, CA, and are encouraged to check out our [list of sources](#). Videos are required to include the statement, "This video was created as an entry for Tri-Valley CAREs' 2024 Tracy Youth Environmental Video Contest."
- **Style:** Submissions can be in any style or genre, including animation, drama, comedy, musical, or documentary.
- **Exclusivity:** Submissions must be posted online during the dates of the contest.
- **Eligibility:** Contestants must be 14-23 years old.
- **Terms of Service:** Entrants must comply with the terms of service — including any community guidelines and copyright policies — for the platform that hosts your video:
  - [YouTube Terms of Service](#)
  - [Instagram Terms of Use](#)
  - [TikTok Terms of Service](#)

Make sure your video is not set to Private. You may set it to "Unlisted" on YouTube. If your video is removed from the host platform for violation of its terms of service, you will be disqualified from the contest.

- **Collaboration** – Multiple students may collaborate on one video. Checks for winning collaborative videos will be written to one name. Collaborators will decide how to split up the award amongst themselves.
- **Music:** Use of music in the video is optional. To avoid violating copyright law, entrants are strongly encouraged to use either an original song; music available in the chosen platform; or royalty-free licensed music (e.g., music purchased — or downloaded for free — from a stock music website), etc.

- **Permission:** Contestants are responsible for securing all necessary rights, licenses, clearances, releases, consents and/or permissions from any other people who appear in the video entry.
- **Originality:** You represent and warrant that your entry is original and in full compliance with the terms of service of the platform hosting the video (i.e., Instagram, TikTok, or YouTube).
- **Ownership:** You retain ownership of your video, but entry into the competition constitutes the entrant's permission and consent, without compensation, with or without attribution, for Tri-Valley CAREs to use, reproduce, transmit, post, distribute, adapt, edit, and/or display the submission.
- **Plagiarism** – All videos must be the original work of the student whose name is listed on the submission form. AI-generated material is not allowed. Using video footage, music, or graphics that exist in the public domain, fall under fair use, or for which you have obtained permission is acceptable.

## To Enter:

Please email [scott@trivalleycares.org](mailto:scott@trivalleycares.org) with the following information:

- Names of applicant. If collaborating, list all members, and specify which name prize checks should be made to.
- Address (if a collaborator is a western San Joaquin County resident, please note that)
- Phone number
- Email
- Name of the video, and a link to it.
- A list of sources used (Bibliography), in any format.

## Video Evaluation:

- The videos will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  - Accuracy of facts presented
  - Creativity
  - Subject matter's connection to the environment in western San Joaquin County
  - Clarity of the message
- Judges will be a broad range of Tri-Valley CAREs staff, membership and board.

*Note: Funding for this Video Contest was contributed by Cal EPA, however, Cal EPA will not be involved in the evaluation of submissions or the selection of winners.*