



# Earth Day Contest 2019

## Is there a solution to our global plastic pollution problem?

### Contest Details

Globally, 8 million metric tons of plastic trash leak into our natural spaces each year, harming wildlife, mucking up the ocean, and jeopardizing people's livelihoods. Only 9 percent of plastics are recycled, and in many instances, single-use plastics can only be recycled 10 times before their fibers become too short to be reprocessed. We need to establish strategies that create economic, social and environmental sustainability. These strategies will ultimately keep plastics out of the ocean and enable us to use these valuable materials to improve our global standard of living, while reducing our global footprint.

Contest entrants are to create a skit, song, news report or animation no longer than three minutes in length telling us what strategies can be established to make a global impact on our plastic pollution problem. Videos can be posted on YouTube or Vimeo. Send link to [info@reapingnature.org](mailto:info@reapingnature.org).

Contest is open to Forsyth County middle school and high school students (public, private and homeschool). Winners in first, second and third place and a runner up will be selected from entries. \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to winners! Please read Official Rules for details.

Contest opens Monday, March 11, 2019 and ends Monday, May 6, 2019. Winners will be announced Friday, May 10, 2019.

#### Sources:

- World Resources Institute - Banning Straws and Bags Won't Solve our Plastic Problem – August 16, 2018.
- Phys.org - Why stop at plastic bags and straws? The case for a global treaty banning most single-use plastics – February 7, 2019.