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## The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest

An annual essay contest (in three age-specific tiers) for 6th – 12th grade students in New Mexico, the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is an effective and inclusive way to engage the next generation of citizen leaders in an urgent conversation about how to address the changing realities brought about by climate disruption, biodiversity loss, growing freshwater demands, and other pressing global conservation issues.

It is effective not only because of how many people it touches (the student participants, their peers, their teachers, their parents and grandparents, and their larger communities), but also because it gives voice to the writers with the most moral authority to discuss these issues: the generation most vulnerable to the suffering that will be caused by inaction.

It is inclusive because the essays are judged anonymously based on the character of the content, without regard for the writer's race, national origin, religion, or any other factor. The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is an organic--because based on merit--way to diversify an essential conversation for all of society.

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### Details

**Ages:** Children and Youth Teen

**Races:** All

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Online Application

**Payment Options:** Free

**Waiting List:** Never

**Minimum Age:** 10

**Maximum Age:** 18

**Contact:** Anthony Anella

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**Restrictions:** 6th to 12th Grade Public, Private, and Home Schooled Students in New Mexico

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### Services

Schools (K-12) Educational Programs Environmental Protection & Improvement Arts & Culture

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### Locations

## The Leopold Writing Program

*P.O. Box 40122 SE*

*Albuquerque, NM 87196*

**Phone:**

(505) 265-8713

**Languages Spoken:** English Spanish

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## **Parent Organization**

### **Leopold Writing Program**

#### **Our Mission**

Aldo Leopold is the author of *A Sand County Almanac* in which he asserts his land ethic: “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

The **Leopold Writing Program** builds on Aldo Leopold’s legacy as a writer by inspiring the next generation to participate in the evolution of environmental ethics through the written word. Our **MISSION** is to create an intergenerational network of leaders who, by virtue of their writing talent, have the potential to change the cultural story about the relationship between humans and Nature.

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