

*International Bicycle Fund*  
***Bicycle Essay Contest***  
*Over US\$100 in Prizes*

**SUBJECT:** Your essay may be on any aspect of bicycling (history, touring, racing, commuting, role in society, learning, teaching, etc.) \*

**ENTRY:** Essays should be in English, legible and 2-3 pages. Entrants should base their paper on interviews, research, and/or personal opinion. Include your name, address, telephone number (if possible), email address (if possible), age on the day that the entry is mailed, grade, name of your school, school address and your teacher's name, telephone number (if possible) and email address (if possible). Girls and boys from all countries are encouraged to participate. You need not be a bicyclist. All essays become the property of the International Bicycle Fund.

**ENTRY CATEGORIES AND FIRST PLACE PRIZES:**

- A. Age 8 and under, US\$20.00 (up to half of the entry may be illustration)
- B. Age 9-12, US\$30.00
- C. Age 13-16, US\$50.00

Additional prizes may be awarded.

**DEADLINE:** Entry must be emailed or postmarked by 1 May. Mailed entries must arrive no later than 10 May, each year.

**SEND ENTRIES TO:** We encourage entrants to submit essays by email, as word documents. Email entries to **ibike@ibike.org**. Mailed entry should be sent to: International Bicycle Fund, 4887 Columbia Dr South, Seattle WA 98108-1919 USA.

- *Among the reasons for bicycling are ethics, health, fitness, aesthetics, economics, enjoyment, mobility, access and the environment. There are hundreds of possible topics. Here are some suggestions: environmental benefits of bicycles, making my town more bicycle-friendly, bicycling and my (my family or friend), why people bicycle, bicycling and health, history of bicycling in my country, important aspects of safe bicycling, bicycle tourism, famous people who have bicycled and why, famous bicycle rides, unique uses of bicycles, teaching someone to bicycle, etc. Original topics are encouraged. Choose the topic on which you can write the best essay.*