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## Annual Essay Contest to Honor Young People Who Love the Woods

A cash prize of \$500 awaits a local individual or a class of students under the age of 21 with the most compelling essay about their experience with the Hitchcock Woods. The winner of the Celestine Eustis Prize will be announced on Sunday, March 28, at the 94th annual Aiken Horse Show in the Hitchcock Woods. The winner's name will be engraved on a sterling silver trophy.

The prize is named for Celestine Eustis, who purchased the forested lands of Aiken well over 100 years ago. The aunt of Louise Hitchcock, Miss Eustis had a passion for flora and fauna, and appreciated the tranquility of the forest. She was careful to ensure that her family and then future generations could share her enjoyment of what we now know as the Hitchcock Woods.

In their essays, contributors should describe their commitment to, or their use or enjoyment of, the 2,100 acre Hitchcock Woods situated in the heart of Aiken. The cash prize will be awarded to an individual or class that appreciates the Woods in the tradition of Celestine Eustis.

Some contributors may have served as a volunteer for an activity in the Woods, such as the Aiken Horse Show, Aiken Hounds, Axe Club, Festival of the Woods, or Woods Watchers. Some may have conducted a biological or ecological project for science class, or captured the flora and fauna of the Woods through an art assignment. Others may have contributed or participated in a more independent capacity.

Essays of no more than three pages may be typed or handwritten and may be accompanied by photos or artwork. A select panel from the Foundation and the community will review and judge all entries.

The Hitchcock Woods Foundation offers the program to recognize and reward young people who have been touched by the Woods. The prize is funded again this year by volunteer Jane Page Thompson, who also donated the perpetual trophy.

Entries must be received by Monday, March 1, at the following address: Hitchcock Woods Foundation, P.O. Box 1702, Aiken, SC 29802. For an entry form and a complete set of rules, please write to [info@hitchcockwoods.org](mailto:info@hitchcockwoods.org).