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**PA CLEANWAYS INVITES YOUTH TO EXPRESS  
CONCERNS ABOUT TRASH**

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Greensburg, PA – PA CleanWays is excited to announce its annual Litter Hawk Youth Award Program. The Litter Hawk program gives youth an opportunity to express their concern about littering and illegal dumping, and preventative measures such as recycling, proper disposal, beautification, and stewardship through visual arts, language arts, and community outreach. This program includes two age groups, 10 and under and 11 to 18, and is ideal for organized youth groups, a classroom activity, or an individual project.

Program brochures are available by submitting an online request form on the PA CleanWays website [www.pacleanways.org](http://www.pacleanways.org) or by contacting the PA CleanWays' office toll free at 877-772-3673. The deadline to submit applications and projects is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Entries will be judged on creativity and the project's ability to convey the chosen subject. Three winning entries in each age group will receive gift cards to a bookstore in the amount of \$75 (10 and under) and \$100 (11-18). Awards will be announced during Earth Month (April). *The Litter Hawk Youth Award Program is not open to PA CleanWays employees or the immediate relatives of PA CleanWays employees. Only one entry per youth allowed.*

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PA CleanWays is a statewide nonprofit organization empowering people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania. Since 1990, PA CleanWays has facilitated over 1,000 illegal dump cleanups resulting in the removal of over 11,635 tons of trash, 2,224 tons of scrap metal and 401,490 tires statewide. PA CleanWays community-based approach has involved more than 50,600 volunteers.