

NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

The High School Essay Contest is open to all High School students. The rules are in the fall 2007 issue of *The National Gardener*, on NGC's website - www.gardenclub.org, and are available from the National and Regional Essay Contest Chairmen. Each year a \$1,000 NGC Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner.

2007-2008 **Sustain the Earth--Enlighten our Youth**
(Emphasis on environmental concerns--rivers, oceans, atmosphere, rain forest...)

2008-2009 **Nurture the Earth--Foster our Environment**
(Emphasis on taking care of our planet--preservation, caretaker, steward, custodian...)

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Length of essay: Between 500-600 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

Scale of Points

Content - 65

- Knowledge of Subject - 25
- Practicality of Proposal - 10
- Originality - 15
- Subject Matter Well Organized/Clarity of Presentation - 15

Composition - 25

- Vocabulary - 15
- Conformance to Length - 10

Manuscript - 10

- Wallet-Size Photograph, Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade, List of Activities and Sponsoring Club - 5
- Neatness - Legibility (A plastic folder keeps the manuscript neat.) - 5

Eligibility

Contests are open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by: single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts; or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

A \$1000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. If the Winner is an underclassman, the \$1000 Scholarship will be held by NGC, Inc. without accrued interest, until such time that the student enters college. At that time, the money will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Officer of the college that the student will enter. The second place winner will receive \$100.00.

Contest Deadlines

Club entries must be sent to **State** Chairman. **Observe State Deadlines.**
State Winners must be sent to **Regional** Chairman by **January 1, 2008 (9)**.
Regional Winners must be sent to **National** Chairman by **February 1, 2008 (9)**.

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