



ESSAY CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE
9th-12th GRADE STUDENTS

\$2,050 in Prizes - 6 Finalists

PURPOSE: To recognize students who demonstrate a superior understanding of the appropriate use of animals in biomedical research and who can artfully communicate that understanding in writing.

Rules and Regulations

1. The entry shall consist of an essay in Standard English, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, not exceeding 750 words or three double-spaced pages on the topic:
"Why Are Animals Used in Biomedical Research?"
2. Page margins should be one inch on all sides.
3. The essay should include a cover page. Only the student's name should appear on the cover page.
4. To enter, email your essay to essay@psbr.org
 - The essay should be submitted as an attached Word Document
 - The Subject should read: HS Essay Contest
 - The Body of the email should include the following information:
 - (a) Student's name and grade
 - (b) Home address, phone number and parent's email address
 - (c) School name, address, and phone number
 - (d) Teacher's name, subject, and email address
 - (h) Name and address of local newspaper
5. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 18, 2011.**
6. All entries will be judged on originality, creativity, command of the English language and understanding of the basic reasons animals are used in research.
7. All entries become the property of the PA Society for Biomedical Research.
8. Previous first place winners are not eligible.

AWARDS

1. Two finalists, "Grand Award Essayists," will receive **\$500** awards.
2. Three finalists will each receive a **\$250** award.
3. One finalist will be awarded **\$300** in the category of "**Creative Writing**."

The Creative Writing essay will be a nontraditional essay on the topic of biomedical research. Essays that fit this category will be automatically judged in this area.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The grand award essayists and the top creative writing prize essayist, his/her parents and teacher will be invited, at PSBR's expense, to attend PSBR's annual dinner on Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, PA. All other winners will also be invited to be honored at this event.

Winners will be notified by April 29, 2011.

Questions? Requests for Background reference material?

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