



High School Essay Contest

2020-2021



Encouraging Environmental Awareness and Responsibility

All entries must be sponsored by a single club, group of clubs, councils or districts, or a state garden club.

A \$1,000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. If the winner is an underclassman, the \$1,000 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.

Contest Rules

- The Essay Contest is open to high school students, grades 9-12
- 2020-2021 Essay Topic: “Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats”
- Contest entries must be 600-700 words in length
 - Entries will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length
 - All entries must be typed, have titles, and a cover sheet
 - Students should write the essay, so it is suitable to be published in the NGC digital publication, *The National Gardener*
- Essay submissions must be accompanied by a Publication Release Form

Scale of Points

Content: 60 points	Composition: 20 points	Manuscript: 20 points
Knowledge of subject: 10 pts Thesis statement: 10 pts Practicality of Proposal: 10 pts Originality: 15 pts Organization, clarity, and presentation: 15pts	Grammar and punctuation: 10 pts Vocabulary and spelling: 10 pts	Conformance to length: 5 pts Cover Sheet Includes: Name, address, phone number, School attending, grade, list of activities, (photo optional), sponsoring club: 5 pts Entry submitted via email in PDF document format: 5 pts Entry includes NGC, Inc. Release for publication and website form: 5 pts.

Local Club Submission to Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Local Club's 1st place entry, the Publication Release Form, and the Local Club Youth Contest Submission Form must be received by MGC Youth Contests Co-Chair, Kathleen Sauber, by January 15, 2021.

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Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards, 2020-2021

- \$100 to the 1st place entry in each District. District winners eligible for State
- \$300 for State overall 1st Place winner. State winners represents Michigan in Regional and potentially National contest