

Quick Start Guide for Club's Planning to Sponsor Youth Contests

2021-2022

Read Through This Guide First

Even if you have sponsored contests before, read this guide first.

- All student entries for **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, Youth Sculpture Contest, and High School Essay Contest MUST** be sponsored by a local MGC Club. Submit your entry to a local garden club by December 1st,2021.

State Deadline for all contest entries is January 15, 2022

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest

Grades 1-5

Entries to be **mailed** to:

Martha Rohr

11461 Flagg Rd.

East Jordan, MI 49727

H: 231-536-7172

C: 317-442-5297

martharohr75@gmail.com

High School Essay Contest

Grades 9-12

Youth Sculpture Contest

Grades 4-8

Entries to be **emailed** to:

Kathleen Sauber

H: 989-673-7691

C: 989-325-0034

ksauber@migardenclubs.org

Resources Available

Contest forms are available on the Member side of MGC's website with:

- FORM A: This ALL-Youth Contest Quick Start Guide.
- FORM B: The ALL Youth Contests Power Point Presentation.
- FORM C: **High School Essay Contest File Folder**
 1. Detailed Flyer of the Contest
 2. All Contests Publication Release Form
 3. Sample Letter to the School Counselor for club use
- FORM D: **Smokey Bear /Woodsy Owl Contest Folder**
 1. Detailed Flyer of the Contest
 2. All Contests Publication Release Form
 3. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Entry Form
 4. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Letter to Principals for club use
- FORM E: **Youth Sculpture Contest Folder**
 1. Detailed Flyer of the Contest
 2. All Contests Publication Release Form
 3. Youth Sculpture Contest Entry Form
 4. Youth Sculpture Contest Letter to Principals for club use
- FORM F: All Contests Local Club Submission Form
- FORM G: Facebook post with instructions for clubs

MGC YOUTH CONTEST AWARDS:

High School Essay Contest: 1. Awards are sponsoring club's option

2. District level award: All 7 Districts in MGC: \$100 for First Place
3. State level award: MGC First Place: \$300

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl: 1. Awards are sponsoring club's option

2. All 7 Districts in MGC: \$25 for First Place in each grade
3. MGC \$50 for each First-Place winner in each grade
4. MGC 1st Place winners represent the state of Michigan in Regional and National Contests.
5. NGC: \$50 each 1st Place winner in each grade AND the overall winner receives travel and accommodations for 4 to the National Award Ceremony hosted by the U.S. Forest Service in Washington DC

Youth Sculpture Contest: 1. Awards are sponsoring club's option

2. All 7 Districts in MGC: \$25 for First Place in each grade

3. MGC \$50 for each First-Place winner in each grade

- Take time to read through Kathleen Sauber's Power Point presentation about "Youth Contests" on MGC's website.