

## HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

CERTIFICATE and \$150.00

Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by a single member garden club, group of member clubs, councils or district or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of CAR-SGC.

- Topic for 2021-2022: “What can we do to reduce water pollution?”
- Topic for 2022-2023: “How can we protect our water resources?”

Length of the essay must be between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the CAR-SGC digital publication, “CAR Review.”

### SCALE OF POINTS:

CONTENT - Total 60 points

- Knowledge of Subject: 10 points
- Thesis statement: 10 points
- Practicality of proposal: 10 points
- Originality: 15 points
- Organization, clarity of subject matter and presentation: 15 points

COMPOSITION - Total 20 points

- Grammar and punctuation: 10 points
- Vocabulary and spelling: 10 points

MANUSCRIPT - Total 20 points

- Conformance to length: 5 points
- Cover Sheet includes: Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade, List of

Activities, and sponsoring club (photo optional): 5 points

- Entry is submitted via email in PDF document format: 5 points
- Entry includes NGC, Inc. Release for Publication and Website form: 5 points

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**CONTEST GUIDELINES:** Club entries must be sent to YOUR state Awards or Youth Chairman-observe your state deadline. Please note that the entry should be sent via email attachment as a PDF file, along with the NGC release form and optional photo. Top winner from each State Garden Club must be sent to the CAR-SGC Region Chairman by March 1.

NOTE: Refer to CAR-SGC General Rules. Send application to Chairman Barbara Brand at 3415  
Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7366 or email to [babrand@embarqmail.com](mailto:babrand@embarqmail.com) (717-642-9776)