

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

High School Essay Contest

2021-2022 Essay Prompt: "What can we do to reduce water pollution?"

Maryland Due Dates:

Entries are due to District Awards Chairman – November 15

Entries are due to State Awards Chairman- December 1

Essay Contest Rules 2021-2022

Eligibility: The Essay Contest is open to high school students, grades 9 through 12.

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

Contest Award: CAR-SGC will award \$150 to the winner selected from entries submitted by the State Garden Clubs in the Region.

Length of essay: 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

Note: The NGC Release Form can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the High School Essay Contest page: <https://www.gardenclub.org/high-school-essay-contest>.

Contest Deadlines

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.

The top winner from each State Garden Club must be sent to the CAR-SGC Regional Chairman by March 1. State nominees' entries become the property of CAR-SGC, and the winner's essay may be published in the CAR-SGC Review.

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