

# MISMR

Michigan Society for Medical Research

ANNUAL	ESSAY	
2008		CONTEST

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

Open to All Michigan  
Middle School Students

## TOPIC: Why Animals Are Used in Biomedical Research

**The Michigan Society for Medical Research (MISMR)** annually sponsors an essay contest open to all Michigan middle school students. It is part of MISMR's educational outreach program to promote awareness of the benefits and the process of biomedical research, and increase awareness and interest in science. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity (**including a creative title**), command of the English language, and the demonstration that an extra effort was made to learn about biomedical research and why animals are used. Students are asked to describe one specific example of a situation in which animals help people. You can use an example from your own life or from the lives of your relatives or friends. Give as much detail as possible: for example, what kind of animal (or animals) is involved, why that animal was chosen, and what kind of people benefit the most. Creative answers will be rated the highest. Refer to the MISMR website ([www.mismr.org](http://www.mismr.org)) for additional information and resource material.

▶▶▶ **DEADLINE: December 18, 2007**

## STUDENT & TEACHER AWARDS

- ▶ **STUDENT FINALIST** — \$500 Cash Prize & Plaque
- ▶ **TEACHER OF STUDENT FINALIST** — \$100 Cash Prize
- ▶ **HONORABLE MENTIONS** — \$50 Cash Prize & Merit Certificate
- ▶ **ALL STUDENTS** — Certificate of Participation

*The winning essays will be published in a special booklet and the first place winner will be invited to the Michigan Society for Medical Research annual meeting in 2008. Entries become the property of MISMR and may be reprinted, published, or distributed for educational purposes. **WINNERS ONLY** will be notified by the end of March 2008.*

## 2008 ESSAY CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

*Please carefully read and follow ALL instructions.*

- ▶ All Michigan middle school students grades 6–8 are eligible to enter.
- ▶ The **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM** must be filled out completely. Print or type all information except for student and teacher signatures at the bottom of the form.
- ▶ Each essay should be the original work of the student who enters. Essays must be free of plagiarism defined as: *ALL sources used must be cited in the text of the essay. Do not use footnotes or endnotes. ALL word-for-word information written by someone else must have quotations showing the quoted material, and the source must be cited.*
- ▶ Essays should be typed on 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11" white paper, be double-spaced, and not exceed 500–700 words.
- ▶ Essays should be submitted in Standard English with a bibliography that must cite several different references specific to the content or argument detailed in the paper: books, encyclopedias, periodicals, and, if appropriate, the Web. References may include documented oral sources.
- ▶ Use standard formats for documenting sources of information in research papers. The following are standard formats for basic bibliographic information:
  - BOOKS**  
Author. Title: Subtitle. Place of publication: Publisher, Date.
  - MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**  
Author. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Volume # (Date): Pages.
  - WEBSITE OR WEBPAGE**  
Author (if available). "Title of page." Editor, Date, Institution, [cited Access Date]. URL.
  - ARTICLE FROM AN ENCYCLOPEDIA**  
Author. "Title of Article." Title of Encyclopedia." Date.
- ▶ Entries accepted any time prior to the deadline but must be postmarked by **December 18, 2007**.
- ▶ **Send entries to:**  
MISMR Essay Contest  
P.O. Box 3237 • Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3237

**\*\*\* Essays That Do Not Comply With the Contest Rules & Regulations Will Be Disqualified \*\*\***