

2009 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Open to All Michigan Middle School Students

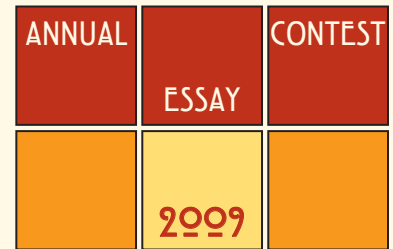
TOPIC: Why Animals Are Important in Biomedical Research

Every year, the Michigan Society for Medical Research (MISMR) sponsors an essay contest open to all Michigan middle school students. The contest is part of MISMR's educational outreach program, which promotes awareness of the benefits, ethics and methods of biomedical research, and encourages interest in science.

Entries are judged on originality, creativity (including a creative title), command of the English language, and evidence 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. An example from the student's own life can be used, or drawn from the lives of relatives or friends. As much detail as possible should be given. For example, what kind of animal (or animals) was involved; why that animal was chosen; what kind of people benefit the most. Creative answers are rated the highest. Refer to the MISMR website at www.mismr.org for additional information and resource material.

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DEADLINE:
December 18, 2008



The **STUDENT FINALIST** receives **\$500 cash and a plaque.**

The **TEACHER** of the student finalist is awarded **\$100 cash.**

HONORABLE MENTIONS receive **\$50 cash** and a **merit certificate.**

ALL STUDENTS who enter receive a **certificate.**

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 2009. 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 2009.**

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read carefully 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, meaning that: **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 quotation marks around it, and the source must be cited.**
- ▶ Essays must be submitted in Standard English, typed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, be no longer than 4–6 double-spaced typewritten pages, and must not exceed 500–600 words.
- ▶ Each essay must include a bibliography that cites several different references relevant to the content or argument of your paper.

Written sources about your topic can be from books, periodicals, and encyclopedias, as well as documented Web and oral sources. Use the following standard formats for basic bibliographies:

BOOKS

Author. *Title: Subtitle.* Place of publication: Publisher, Date.

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical and Volume #* (Date): pages.

WEBSITE OR WEB PAGE

Author (if available). "Title of page." Editor, Date, Institution, [cited Access Date]. URL.

ENCYCLOPEDIA

Author. "Title of Article." *Name of Encyclopedia.* Date.

- ▶ Entries accepted any time prior to the deadline, but must be postmarked by **December 18, 2008.**
- ▶ 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 *****

MISMR members strongly support the humane use of animal subjects in critical biomedical research. We hope that likeminded citizens will join us in working for rational public policy that assures the continued appropriate use of animals in the course of good science.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Please read carefully and follow all instructions.

A completed Official Entry Form must accompany each essay. Your essay submission must be an original and only one copy should be submitted. To facilitate the judging process, DO NOT print your name on the essay. Please clearly print or type all information. Duplication of this form is permitted.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GRADE LEVEL _____

CLASS TITLE _____

TITLE OF ESSAY _____

NAME OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER _____

ADDRESS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER _____

TEACHER INFORMATION

TITLE (please check one): Mr. Ms. Dr.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

I certify that this entry is my own original idea and work. I have read and understand all the contest rules and regulations.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I have reviewed this essay and am satisfied that it complies with the contest rules and regulations.

SIGNATURE OF SCIENCE TEACHER _____ DATE _____