

High School Essay Contest



WHO: High school students, grades 9 to 12

WHAT: Enter the Garden Club Essay Contest - "We Need Our Pollinators". Express your interest in nature and concern for the environment. National (NGC) and Texas Garden Clubs youth contests are designed to promote horticulture and a love of gardening, conservation, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The essay length is 600 - 700 words. All words are counted. Entries must be typed and titled. The essay should be suitable to be published in *The National Gardener*. Refer to the NGC web page for information - www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-contests/high-school-essay-contest.aspx.

Judging Scale of Points (general guidelines)

- 1) Content 65 (Knowledge of subject 25, Practicality of proposal 10, Originality 15, Subject matter well organized/clarity of presentation 15);
- 2) Composition 25 (Vocabulary 15, Conformance to length 10);
- 3) Manuscript 10 (Name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, teacher, list of activities, sponsoring club, photo - optional 5, Neatness, legibility, folder to keep neat 5)

Utilize this contest to reinforce creative writing skills. The theme - We Need Our Pollinators - can encourage students to express their love of nature and concern for their environment. Help educate youth and nurture a sense of world stewardship in the next generation. The essay contest is sponsored by National Garden Clubs and Texas Garden Clubs.



HOW: The top four area winners for each grade (9, 10, 11, and 12) will be selected by the Garden Club committee. Texas Garden Club honors the state winners for each grade with \$100, 2nd \$50, and 3rd \$25. The national winner will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship.

WHEN: Entries due - To clubs - usually early fall; Club entries are due to District by November 1. District entries are due to State before December 1. Clubs are listed on the Texas Garden Club web site - texasgardenclubs.org/how-to-join/