

THE WISTAR INSTITUTE'S 2010 BIOLOGY ESSAY CONTEST

Please read carefully and follow instructions.

Essays that do not comply with the guidelines will be disqualified.

GUIDELINES

1. Your essay should be based on library reference sources and web-based research and should include a summary of current scientific research relevant to your topic. You must cite your research sources and include a bibliography. Be sure to include at least one book or scientific journal as reference in your bibliography. **The essay should be written in the student's own words and no portion should be copied verbatim.**
2. **The essay should focus on a biology research topic** and should discuss the biomedical aspect of the issue, not the ethical or social issues.
3. Your essay should be well written with **proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation**.
4. Your essay must be written expressly for The Wistar Institute's 2010 Biology Essay Contest.
5. Original illustrations to accompany your essay are encouraged but not required.
6. Your essay should be three to four typed, double-spaced pages.
7. Use 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper with a 1-inch margin on all sides.
8. Your essay submission must be an original. Photocopies or duplicates will not be accepted.
9. A completed entry form must be stapled to the upper left-hand corner of your essay. **The entry form must be signed by a science teacher who has reviewed the essay to ensure that it complies with the guidelines.** Your name, school and grade should appear **only** on the entry form. To facilitate the judging process, **please do not print your name on the essay.**
10. All entries must be postmarked by March 26, 2010 and sent to:

Ms. Maria Colelli
The Wistar Institute
2nd Floor Executive Suite
3601 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 898-3774

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**THE WISTAR INSTITUTE 2010 BIOLOGY ESSAY CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Please print or type all information

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Female _____ Male

Telephone Number: (____) _____

E-mail address (if available) _____

Race: (**Optional, for statistical purposes only**) _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native

_____ Asian or Pacific Islander _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ White _____ Other

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Teacher's Name: _____ Mr. _____ Ms. _____
_____ Dr. _____

Principal's Name: _____ Mr. _____ Ms. _____
_____ Dr. _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

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

Signature of student _____
Date _____

I have reviewed this essay and am satisfied that it complies with the contest guidelines. (NOTE: Teachers' guidance, constructive criticism, and direction of a general nature are acceptable under contest rules.)

Signature of Science Teacher: _____
Date _____

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