

South Atlantic Region High School Essay Contest

\$200 Cash Award to the SAR Essay Contest Winner. Open to all high school students in grades 9-12.

2023-2024: What are the benefits of planting native plants?

2024-2025: How can the planting of native plants be encouraged and increased?

Submit an essay between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the SAR publication, Key Notes, and on the SAR website.

Eligibility: Contest is open to students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. Only one entry accepted for judging from each state. All entries become the property of The South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Criteria:

Content-Total 65 points

- Knowledge of Subject: 25 points
- Practicality of Proposal: 10 points
- Originality: 15 points
- Subject Matter Well Organized/Clarity of Presentation: 15 points

Composition-Total 25 points

- Vocabulary: 15 points
- Conformance to Length: 10 points

Manuscript-Total 10 points

- Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade, Sponsoring Club(Photo Optional): 5 points
- Neatness: 5 points

A signed disclaimer stating the essay is the student's original work must be included with entry.

Deadline: **Send to SAR High School Essay Contest Chair by January 1, 2024.**

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