



## 2023 Judging Rubric High School Essay Contest “Biomedical Research and My Life”

**Please choose one past, current, or ongoing medical advancement that has impacted your life. Research the history behind that advancement, including the role of animal research in that advancement.**

**Content-** Focuses on **one** appropriate topic & uses supporting examples **20 points** \_\_\_\_\_

- Addresses the topic of “Biomedical Research and My Life” (This may include a past, current, or future example of the impact of biomedical research on student, family members, friends, pets, or animals).
- The role of animal research is described.
  - As it relates to the chosen topic.
  - As it relates to research in general.
- Essay contains one central idea.
- Uses supporting research examples that support the central idea.
- Related to health/medicine.

**Persuasiveness & Originality** **20 points** \_\_\_\_\_

- Material is presented in an informative and engaging manner.
- Essay has an original perspective, voice, and point-of-view.

**Understanding-** Research methods are understood and addressed **20 points** \_\_\_\_\_

- Sense of complexities is made clear.
- Shows full understanding of the topic.
- Shows full understanding of the entire biomedical research process.

**Factual Content** **20 points** \_\_\_\_\_

- Information given is true.
- Facts are backed with references.

**Format & Bibliography** **20 points** \_\_\_\_\_

- Correct grammar/spelling.
- Consistent paragraph construction.
- Ideas/facts are organized and logical progression of thought is present.
- Essay is typed and does not exceed 750 words.
- At least 3 references are included in proper format.

**TOTAL POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_ /100