



# MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023 ESSAY CONTEST

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## OPEN TO ALL DELAWARE 6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE STUDENTS 3 WINNERS - \$1,200 in Prizes

**PURPOSE:** To recognize students who demonstrate a superior understanding of biomedical research (including the role of animals in such research) and who can artfully communicate that understanding in writing.

### WRITING TOPIC: "WHAT IS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH?"

Think, Research, Write! What is biomedical research? How has it impacted your life, family members, or your pet's life? What role do animals play in research? How does this research improve the health of humans and animals?

**ESSAY COMPONENTS\*:** Entries shall not exceed **750 words** and must include 3 parts:

**1) Cover Page-** A cover page must be submitted with the essay containing the follow information:

- (A) Student's Name and Grade (B) Student's Home Address (C) Home Phone Number  
(D) Parent's Email Address (E) Name of School (F) School Address  
(G) School Phone Number. (H) Teacher's Name and Class. (I) Teacher's Email Address

**Note:** The student's name and information should appear on the cover page ONLY. This page does not count towards the 700 word limit.

**2) Essay Pages-** Entries are judged on originality, creativity, and clarity; command of the English language; understanding of the basic reasons for biomedical research; and the role of animals in such research. Essay pages shall not exceed 750 words. **Plagiarism is prohibited.**

**3) References Page-** A works cited or bibliography page must be included at the end of the essay. This page does not count towards the 750 word limit.

\* Please save your final document with your **last name, underscore, first name**. Ex: Smith\_John.docx  
\* Please submit all 3 of these essay components in one document. **Do not submit 3 separate documents.**

**SUBMISSION:** Entries must be emailed by **11:59pm on Sunday, March 12th, 2023**

**Email to:** PBLcontests@gmail.com **Subject Line:** 7th & 8th Grade Essay Contest

**JUDGING:** A sample judging rubric and additional information can be found on our website:

**[www.projectbrainlight.org](http://www.projectbrainlight.org) > Contests > Essay Contest.**

**AWARDS:** Previous first place winners are not eligible to win.

**FIRST place will be awarded \$500, and more**

**SECOND place will be awarded \$400, and more**

**THIRD place will be awarded \$300, and more**

**RESOURCES:** Reliable websites with background reference materials and PDFs for preparing an essay may be obtained on our website at **[www.projectbrainlight.org](http://www.projectbrainlight.org) > Resources > Biomedical Research Information**. Additional questions can be emailed to us at **[PBLcontests@gmail.com](mailto:PBLcontests@gmail.com)**