Garden Clubs of Mississippi

High School Essay Contest

The High School Essay contest is open to High School students in grade 9 through 12. All entries must be sponsored by a single club, group of clubs, council or districts.

Contest entries must be 600 to 700 words in length. All entries must be typed and titled.

Each year a theme will be chosen and sent to all Garden Clubs throughout the state.

**Essays must be submitted in PDF format to Sandra Hultz by December 1 at this email:** **firemouse2480@gmail.com****.**

**THEME: 2023-2024 Beauty and the Bees**

**Essay should explain how bees help us grow our gardens.**

Essays are graded in following areas:

 Content (65 points)

 -Knowledge of subject: **10 points**

-Thesis statement: **10 points**

-Practicality of Proposal: **10 points**

-Originality: **15 points**

-Organization, clarity of subject matter and presentation: **20 points**

 Composition (20 points)

-Grammar and punctuation: **10 points**

-Vocabulary and spelling: **10 points**

 Manuscript (15 points)

-Conformance to length: **5 points**

-Cover sheet includes: Name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities, and sponsoring club (photo optional): **5 points**

-Entry is submitted via email in PDF document format:**5 points**

***A Certificate and a cash award of $100 will be awarded to the winner.***

***The National Garden Club has decided not to sponsor this Contest so it will only be recognized by Garden Clubs of MS.***

For more information, please contact: Sandra Hultz at 601 502-4200 or by email at

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