

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

2017-2018 Theme:

“Community Gardens-A Solution to Blight, Crime, and Hunger”

Sponsored by The Bar Harbor Garden Club

The High School Essay Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. A \$1,000 National Garden Club (NGC) scholarship will be awarded to the national winner. If the winner is an underclassman, the \$1,000 scholarship will be held by NGC, Inc. without accrued interest until such a time that the student enters college. At that time, the money will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Officer of the college that the student will enter.

The second place winner will receive \$100.00. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. Length of essay: The essay must be between 600 and 700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. ALL words are to be counted.
2. All entries must be typed and titled.
3. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

4. Scale of Points:

Content = Total of 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 of 25 points

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

Manuscript = Total of 10 points

- Name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities, sponsoring club (The Bar Harbor Garden Club), photo (optional): 5 points
- Neatness and legibility: 5 points

Deadline: All entries are due by **Monday, January 8, 2018**. Please send completed essay to Pamela Bowie, 43 Macomber Pines Road, Mount Desert, ME 04660. If you have any questions, please contact Pam (244-3436), Cheryl (244-1109), or youthchair@barharborgardenclub.com.