

To all GCKY Club Presidents,

I would like to let you know of a great opportunity for students grades 9 through 12. Please read the following information. There will be only one entry from each state – 5 possible entries – so odds are really good to win \$200. Please encourage students in your area to submit an entry.

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.

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

Topic for 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 GCKY High School Essay Contest Chair by December 15, 2023.

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC. & SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST
"WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS?"
INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SUBMIT WITH ESSAY:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ HOME _____ CELL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF STUDENT: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

HIGH SCHOOL'S MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____

LIST OF ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE: _____

NAME OF SPONSORING FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB, COUNCIL, DISTRICT, OR STATE (GCSC):

INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOURSELF (NOT MANDATORY)

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENTUCKY, INC./SAR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF
ESSAY MATERIAL. BELOW, PLEASE SIGN ACKNOWLEDGING YOU HAVE READ AND WILL ABIDE
BY THE RULES OF THE ESSAY CONTEST AND THAT THE ESSAY YOU ARE SUBMITTING IS YOUR
ORIGINAL WORK AND IS NOT THE PRODUCT OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE).

PRINT NAME OF STUDENT

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE