



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Invites you to participate in the

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS ESSAY CONTEST

2022-2023 Theme:

"Our Gardens: Their Beauty and Benefits Using Natives"

All entries Due by December 1 and must be
submitted electronically to:

mjogden@hotmail.com

High School Gardeners Essay Contest Rules & Eligibility:

The High School Gardeners Essay Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by: a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils, or a district. All entries become the property of Garden Club of Georgia Inc. A State Certificate and a cash award of \$300 may be awarded annually to the winner of the GCG State High School Essay Contest. Second and third place entries will receive \$150 and \$75 respectively. The winning essay will be printed in the fall issue of *Garden Gateways*.

Scale of Points (total 100)

- Content (65)
 - a. Knowledge of subject (10)
 - b. Thesis Statement (10)
 - c. Practicality of proposal (10)
 - d. Originality (15)
 - e. Organization, clarity of subject matter and presentation (20)
- Composition (20)
 - a. Grammar and punctuation (10)
 - b. Vocabulary and spelling (10)
- Manuscript (15)
 - a. Conformance to length (5)
 - b. Cover sheet includes: Name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities, and sponsoring club (5)
 - c. Entry is submitted via email in PDF document format (5)

Length of 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 GCG publication, "The Garden Gateway".

Contest Deadlines

All entries are sent **via email in PDF** format by December 1st directly to GCG High School Gardeners Essay Chairman: mjogden@hotmail.com

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