

NEGATIVE POPULATION GROWTH



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NPG Awards \$21,500 in Scholarships for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Thirteen Students Will Receive Awards for Essays Related to Overpopulation

Alexandria, VA (July 12, 2022) – Negative Population Growth leaders have announced this year’s winners of the organization’s [Annual Essay Scholarship Contest](#). Thirteen students from across the U.S. will receive checks ranging from \$5,000 to \$1,000 to put toward their annual tuition.

The winning students competed for their scholarship awards by writing an original 450-600 word essay addressing the following topic: *The 2000 United States Census counted a total U.S. population of 281.4 million people. In 2020, just twenty years later, the U.S. population stood at more than 331.4 million people. That increase of 50 million is roughly the population of New York state and Texas combined. Is this growth good or bad for the United States? Give 5 reasons to explain your answer.* The contest was open to high school seniors, as well as currently enrolled college undergraduates.

Harrison Hall, a rising junior at Liberty University, will receive the grand prize of \$5,000 through *The Donald W. Mann Memorial Scholarship for Population Studies*, named in honor of NPG’s late founder and president, who passed away on May 1, 2021. Theresa Mickendrow, who worked with Don for more than 28 years, stated: “Don believed deeply in our efforts to reach young people with our critical message regarding the need for policies designed to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth. He fully understood that by reaching the younger generations, before they begin to marry and start families, we have the greatest opportunity to encourage them to really consider family size and the desirable number of children. Fortunately, most young couples are having only one or two children. Creating a scholarship in his name is a great honor to his legacy, and to the organization to which he devoted so much time and energy.”

Other winners include Jadon Lau from Northwestern University, who won \$2,500. Six students each won a \$1,500 scholarship: Aaron Chan from Elon University, Conner Daehler from Valparaiso University, Yihan Deng from Georgetown University, Matthew Doty from the University of Notre Dame, Najya Gause from Harvard College, and Lily Ogburn from Northwestern University. An additional five students received scholarships of \$1,000: Taylor Gollhofer (University of Northern Colorado), Shamona Joseph (University of Central Florida), Ethan Pellicane (California State Polytechnic University), Roniel Rivera-Garcia (Iowa State University), and Maryanne Thomas (North Carolina State University).

This year’s prizes are just a portion of the tens of thousands of dollars of scholarship money NPG has awarded in recent years as part of their Youth Outreach program. This multi-faceted program is designed to get America’s young people focused on the disastrous future that awaits their generation if our nation’s leaders fail to soon recognize and act on putting forth workable, responsible, common sense solutions to today’s ever-growing population crisis.

In addition to sponsoring the annual student scholarship competition, NPG has worked through the years with thousands of teachers nationwide who help bring its population message to America's classrooms. These efforts are funded through the generous support of NPG members who are especially interested in leaving a livable world to their children and grandchildren.

Founded in 1972, NPG is a national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to educating the American public and political leaders regarding the damaging effects of population growth. We believe that our nation is already vastly overpopulated in terms of the long-range carrying capacity of its resources and environment. NPG advocates the adoption of its [Proposed National Population Policy](#), with the goal of eventually stabilizing U.S. population at a sustainable level – far lower than today's. We do not simply identify the problems – we propose solutions. For more information, visit our website at www.NPG.org, follow us on Facebook @[NegativePopulationGrowth](#), or follow us on Twitter @[npg_org](#).