NEGATIVE POPULATION GROWTH

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NPG Announces Essay and Photo Scholarship Winners

NPG will award $20,000 in scholarships to 26 talented college students, all of whom advocate a national policy to reduce U.S. population.

Alexandria, VA (July 9, 2015) – In keeping with its longstanding and highly popular Youth Outreach program, Negative Population Growth (NPG) continues to engage America’s students in the fight for their future. High school seniors and undergraduate students nationwide were invited to participate in NPG’s 2015 Essay and Photography Scholarship Contests. Out of thousands of entries, eighteen Photography winners and eight Essay winners were selected to receive a scholarship – ranging from $2,500 to $500 – towards their fall semester university tuition fees.

In this year’s Photography Contest, students were asked to submit their original photo and a short description demonstrating how population growth is negatively impacting their community – and explain why we need U.S. policies that work to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth. For the Essay Contest, students were asked to answer the question: “Should the United States’ government pursue population policies to protect our quality of life for future generations?” This year’s Photography winners were posted on NPG’s website on June 27, and Essay winners will be posted online tomorrow.

NPG President Donald Mann stated: “Thousands of students from across America answered our call for submissions. The 26 winners that were selected represent the very best of what NPG received – an impressive display of the raw talent found within America’s next generation of leaders. These students captured the destruction that has accompanied our nation’s population growth, and clearly illustrated the need for a national policy to address – and resolve – this crisis.”

He continued: “Of the principles that NPG sees as indispensable for a responsible national population policy, one of the most vital is engaging America’s students. It is their future which is at stake – and they must play a pivotal role in planning our nation’s policies. The federal government must do more to educate today’s young people regarding the damaging effects of population growth on our environment, natural resources, and quality of life.”

Mann added: “Thanks to the generous support of NPG members and various foundations, we are able to provide this annual program to support the education of America’s next generation of leaders. As we
continue our mission to inform U.S. citizens and legislators regarding the damaging consequences of population growth, it is vital that we engage our nation’s young citizens. It is their future quality of life which is at stake! By supporting NPG, anyone who is concerned about our nation’s population growth is helping us to aid these valuable activists – and helping us to move towards a solution.”

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*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](http://www.NPG.org).*