



# 2024 Essay Scholarship Contest Rules

## High School Seniors & Undergraduate Students

### *Multiple Awards from \$1,500 to \$4,000!*

*NPG, a national membership organization devoted to population issues, invites students to compete in our annual Essay Scholarship Contest.*

**Imagine yourself 20 years in the future. The population in your area has doubled in size since 2024. Name three of the most serious problems your community faces because of this population growth. What can you, as an individual, do now to help protect your community in the future?**

Submissions must be in MS WORD and contain between 450 and 600 words.

The NPG Scholarship Committee will select multiple winning essays. Essays will be judged based on the quality of writing, originality, relevance to the topic, and evidence of critical thinking. All decisions are at the discretion of NPG Scholarship judges and all decisions are final. All scholarships will be paid directly to the accredited college or university account of the winning students. Official contest information is available on our website ([www.NPG.org](http://www.NPG.org)).

#### **Official Contest Rules and Eligibility Requirements:**

1. **Entries must be received by 11:59 PM EST on April 8, 2024 through NPG's official submission webpage - [click here to access page](#). Those received after the deadline will NOT be accepted. **Winners will be announced online at [www.NPG.org](http://www.NPG.org) by July 12, 2024.****
2. Using AI writing tools is not allowed and will lead to disqualification.
3. Essay must be the original work of the applicant.
4. Document must be in **MS Word or an MS Word compatible file** to be considered, (Google Docs will not be accepted), and include the applicant's name, address, email, and telephone number. Essay should be between 450 and 600 words, in 12-14 pt. font. Only the introduction, body and conclusion of the essay will be considered in the word count. If sources are listed, citations will not be considered part of the word count.
5. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
6. Applicant must be a senior in high school or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior enrolled in an official undergraduate program of study for the Fall 2024 semester.
7. Applicant must be 14 years old or older.
8. Applicant must be enrolled in or attending an accredited school within the United States, or operated overseas by the U.S. government, for the Fall 2024 semester.
9. No purchase or contribution is required for entry. Neither membership in nor contributions to NPG will enhance the chances of winning.
10. Applicant must sign the Application Form. (A parent or guardian signature is also required for all applicants under 18.)
11. All submissions are subject to the [NPG Privacy Policy](#).
12. Relatives of employees or directors of NPG are not eligible.
13. Not valid where prohibited.
14. The winning essays will be posted on NPG's website.
15. Failure to comply with all the rules will result in an essay's disqualification.

*NPG is a national non-profit membership organization headquartered in Alexandria, VA. Since 1972, our primary purpose has been to educate the American public and elected officials regarding the damaging effects of overpopulation on our environment, resources, and quality of life.*

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