



Student Resources: Essay Contest Checklist

We're excited you're entering the Maurice R. Hilleman Essay Contest!
This checklist can help you keep track of the steps you need to complete to enter.

BEFORE WRITING ESSAY

- Review contest rules.
- Share contest rules with parent or guardian.

WRITING PROCESS

- Brainstorm and decide on topic.
- Research the topic (be sure to keep track of resources and references used).
- Outline the essay (introduction, main points, and conclusion).
- Draft the essay based on the outline.
- Revise as many times as needed to get it reading well (sometimes setting it aside for a day or two helps).
- Check grammar and spelling.
- Check word count (475-1,025 words without references or citations).
- Create a relevant title.
- Consider having someone else read the essay to get feedback.
- If needed, complete revisions based on feedback.
- Once finalized, save essay as a PDF.



SUBMITTING THE ESSAY

- Choose the correct submission form page for your country.
- Upload essay and complete all sections of submission form.
- Describe writing process.
- Add resources and references.

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INFO AND
ENTER TODAY!



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