

# 2022 Maurice R. Hilleman Essay Contest



**MAURICE HILLEMEN WAS A DETERMINED SCIENTIST. DESCRIBE WHAT THIS MEANS AND PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF DETERMINATION IN SCIENCE.**

Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman was a virologist who developed more than half of the vaccines that young children receive today. His work, credited with saving 8 million lives every year, was cutting edge. His unmatched success required determination and creativity to address unresolved or newly encountered issues. To celebrate Dr. Hilleman's legacy, students in grades 6 to 12\* from the U.S. & Canada have an opportunity to learn about Dr. Hilleman and consider the importance and role of determination in science. **Learn more: [HILLEMENFILM.COM](http://HILLEMENFILM.COM).**

*\*Grades 6 to 11 in Quebec*

Thank you to our 2022 Maurice R. Hilleman Essay Contest co-sponsors:





## WHO?

Students in grades 6 to 12\* living in the United States (including District of Columbia and U.S. Territories) or Canada and enrolled in a public, private, online, religious or charter school or who attend a home school program can participate. (Judging will take authors' ages into consideration, and winners will be named by country.)

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## WHAT?

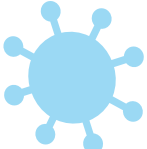
Learn about Dr. Hilleman, and write a 500- to 600-word essay that responds to this prompt:

**Maurice Hilleman was a determined scientist. Describe what this means and provide an example of determination in science.**

Essay should be written in English or French using complete sentences and appropriate grammar. One entry per person. See "Official Rules" at [HILLEMANSFILM.COM](http://HILLEMANSFILM.COM).

## HOW?

Review the official rules and get an entry form at [HILLEMANSFILM.COM](http://HILLEMANSFILM.COM). Completed entries must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 10, 2022, or postmarked by June 10 if mailed. Submissions that are incomplete, do not address the prompt, or are not received by this time will not be considered.



**TEACHERS:**  
Encourage your  
students to  
participate today!

### BONUS!

Teacher named in winning students' entries will receive a signed copy of *Pandora's Lab: Seven Stories of Science Gone Wrong*, written by Paul A. Offit, MD.



## 3 WINNERS PER COUNTRY WILL EACH RECEIVE:

- US\$1,000 cash prize
- Winner certificate and Vaccine Education Center (VEC) prize bag
- Recognition at a virtual award event during fall 2022.

Event will be hosted by Dr. Paul Offit – VEC director, vaccine inventor, and Hilleman biographer. The event will also include special guests and student winners reading their essays.

