



PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH **ESSAY CONTEST**  
OPEN TO ALL PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, and WEST VIRGINIA **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**  
**3 WINNERS - \$600 in Prizes**

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**PURPOSE:** To recognize students who demonstrate a superior understanding of bioscience research and who can artfully communicate that understanding in writing.

**Rules and Regulations**

1. The entry shall consist of an essay in standard English, typed using a standard font, and not exceeding 500 words, on the topic:

**"What's the Point of Bioscience Research?"**

2. A cover page must be submitted with the essay containing:  
(a) student's name and grade    (b) home address                      (c) home telephone number  
(d) parent's email address    (e) name of school                      (f) school address  
(g) school telephone number    (h) teacher's name and class    (i) teacher's email address  
(j) name and address of local newspaper
3. The student's **name should appear on the cover page only.**
4. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN *March 15, 2013.***  
**Email to: [contests@psbr.org](mailto:contests@psbr.org) Subject: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest**  
\*Please title the document with this info: Student Last Name\_Student First Name.doc
5. Entries are judged on originality, creativity, command of the English language and understanding of the basic reasons for bioscience research.
6. All entries become the property of the PA Society for Biomedical Research.
7. Awards: Previous first place winners are not eligible.  
**FIRST** place will be awarded **\$300, plus all expenses paid to awards dinner\***  
**SECOND** place will be awarded **\$200, plus invitation to awards dinner\***  
**THIRD** place will be awarded **\$100, plus invitation to awards dinner\***

\*The Annual Awards dinner will be held on May 30, 2013 in Radnor, PA.

**Winners will be notified by May 1, 2013**

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Background reference material for preparing an essay may be obtained by calling 717-731-3558 or emailing [contests@psbr.org](mailto:contests@psbr.org). Subject line: Materials: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest

Questions? Call us or email us at the contact information listed above.