

Entries will be judged on:

- ▶ Biblical and scientific merit
- ▶ Clearly stating what you mean
- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Technical writing skills: grammar, spelling, etc.
- ▶ Meeting all stated rules of the contest, including being submitted on time. Late papers are accepted for a very few days, but are penalized.

Why do this?

Participating will help students learn to find answers to their own questions about their faith, especially in creation/evolution. They will also develop skills in thinking logically, researching a topic, writing clearly and using needed computer software. The cash prizes should provide an additional incentive!

Send it to:

We prefer electronic documents, which should be .DOC, .PDF, or .WP. Email it AS AN ATTACHMENT to StudentEssayContest@MidwestCreationFellowship.org.

If sending via US Mail:

MCF Essay Contest
c/o 1169 Windsor Dr.
Wheaton, IL 60189



What to expect

- ▶ If you emailed your paper but have not received a reply within 7 days, CALL US at 847-223-4730, or email Info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org.
- ▶ If you mail a paper submission, it will take longer to arrive and get the reply, so allow 10 days.
- ▶ All entries become the property of MCF and will not be returned. Prize-winning entries may be reproduced and distributed by MCF.
- ▶ Winners may be invited to present their papers at an MCF meeting in the autumn.
- ▶ We will try to post winning essays online, without betraying your personal identity. (Many colleges will Google you, and discriminate against applicants who do not support evolutionism.)

Annual Essay Contest

for ages 11 - 18!

Cash Prizes!



Dromaeosaurus model at Answers in Genesis' Creation Museum. Background added.

More at www.MidwestCreationFellowship.org

Due date:
April 30

Prizes:

Senior High Division (Ages 14-18*)

\$500 First Place
\$250 Second Place
\$150 Third Place

Junior High Division (Ages 11-14*)

\$300 First Place
\$200 Second Place
\$100 Third Place

What can you write about?

**An Animal, Plants, Stars,
Probability of Evolution,
Ancient Man, Rocks, Fossils,
Dinosaurs, Age of the Earth,
Instincts, Metamorphosis,
Genetics, History of Science,
How Beliefs Affect Behavior,
... just pick ONE small area!**

Who may enter:

- ▶ Entrants must be between the ages of 11 and 18 as of April 30.
Entrants 14 years old on April 30 may enter either the Junior or Senior Division.
- ▶ Entrants do NOT need to be members of Midwest Creation Fellowship.
- ▶ Entrants do NOT need to reside in the United States!

Help available:

- ▶ TONS of free information is on the web/ Click around these sites for free articles, online books, and other help:
www.answersingenesis.org. Also, search for "Doing a Report on Creation vs. Evolution".
www.icr.org
www.creation.com
Many other creationist sites are listed at <https://creation.com/creationist-organizations-in-the-usa>.
- ▶ Take advantage of online programs to check grammar, spelling, and accidental plagiarism. Ex.: Plagiarism.org, Grammarly.com, and WriteCheck.com.

Rules:

- ▶ Entries will be accepted beginning January 1, and must be sent by April 30.
- ▶ **Topic must strongly relate to the subject of creation vs. evolution, from a creationist perspective, but you do not have to PROVE creation!** (Science does not 100% PROVE anything!)
- ▶ Start with a statement of your thesis; end with a short summary.
- ▶ Typewritten, double-spaced, with margins 1" all around.
- ▶ Up to 1500 words for Junior High or 2500 words for Senior High. Footnotes, end notes, bibliography, and title page do NOT count towards the word limit.
- ▶ Pictures are encouraged!
- ▶ Give references to sources of ideas, quotes and pictures.
- ▶ Be careful of spelling, grammar, and plagiarizing.
- ▶ Entries will include a cover page showing the author's first and last name, age as of April 30, home address, phone number, email address, school name, or "homeschooled". ***If you are 14 as of April 30, state whether you are entering at the Junior- or Senior-High level.**