

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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](http://www.answersingenesis.org). Also, search for "Doing a Report on Creation vs. Evolution".  
[www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)  
[www.creation.com](http://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.**