

March of Dimes
New York State Chapter
New York Division

MISSION

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. In pursuit of its goal, the March of Dimes funds research, educates communities and health care professionals, and advocates for policy initiatives to promote the health of women and their infants.

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15th Annual
Essay Competition for Students

*Guidelines and
Information*



March of Dimes Nelson Rosenthal Convocation

Social Responsibility in Medicine: A Brave New World

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis: Novel Scientific Advances with Novel Societal Responsibilities

Wednesday, March 11, 2009
New York University - Eisner & Lubin Auditorium

Essay Competition for Students



Submission Date: January 30, 2009


The March of Dimes New York State Chapter is pleased to announce the 15th Annual Essay Competition for Students. The competition is offered in conjunction with the 38th Annual Nelson Rosenthal Convocation which promotes interest in the biomedical sciences among students. This year, the Convocation will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at New York University, Eisner & Lubin Auditorium Kimmel Center for University Life. You are invited to enter the essay competition related to the convocation presentation. Each school may submit entries, there are two levels: 1st level for 11th & 12th grades and the 2nd level for 9th & 10th grades. Each level will have 2 winners: 1st place cash award of \$400 and a banner for the school and the 2nd place will be an honorary award.

THE QUESTION

“Could an at risk individual avoid transmitting Huntington Disease to their offspring while still not having to learn whether they will develop the disorder? If so, is this an appropriate use of technology?”






The prize for the best essay will be awarded to an essay which:

-  Provides a clearly presented, well-developed response to the question
-  Answers the question in appropriate essay format, following the directions below

-  Provides an accurate and properly listed bibliography, if an outside source of information is used.

ESSAY FORMAT

REQUIRED. Any essay missing any of the following information will not be reviewed:

-  All portions of the essay must be typed
-  Cover page with the title of the essay, author's name, full home address, name of school, grade, name of teacher sponsoring the student and the date submitted
-  Five to six-page essay (exclusive of the cover page and bibliography), double-spaced with one inch margins and a 12 pitch font and page numbering
-  Bibliography (if outside sources are used) according to the Little Brown Handbook or comparable format, available in school or local libraries
-  Each essay must include, on school letter head, a sponsoring letter from the teacher and the school principal acknowledging their awareness of the student entrant and all rules and stipulations of the competition.

All entries must be received by the March of Dimes New York State Chapter by January 30, 2009. No submissions will be accepted past that time. The winners will be notified by late February 2007 and awarded at the 38th Annual Nelson Rosenthal Convocation on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at New York University, Eisner & Lubin Auditorium. (See *program brochure for more information about the convocation.*)

All materials submitted will not be returned and are the property of the March of Dimes. It is recommended that the school retains copies of all materials submitted.

SEND ENTRIES

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