Dear Educators, Parents, and Students;

The New Hampshire Academy of Science (NHAS) invites students from the states of NH and VT grades 6-8 to submit an essay for our annual NHAS “Future of Science, Young Science Writer of the Year” award.

First place awardees will receive a full scholarship worth $600 and second place awardees will receive a 1/2 scholarship worth $300 to attend one of our summer 1-week research programs at our STEM Lab in Lyme NH. All winners will have their writings published on our website and, if COVID-19 pandemic guidelines allow it, will be honored at a public awards ceremony.

NHAS 1-week research programs for Summer 2021:

- Introduction to Scientific Research – June 21-June 25 (8 AM-4 PM, M-F)
- Introduction to Machine Learning – July 19 thru July 23 (8 AM-4 PM, M-F)
- Introduction to Engineering – August 16-20 (8 AM-4 PM, M-F)

ENTRY GUIDELINES

**Essay entries must address a scientific breakthrough that has or has not yet been made and how the writer see it changing the future of our planet.**

Contest entries are due before midnight April 1, 2021, and should be submitted via email to <nhacadsci@gmail.com> with “Essay Contest” in the subject. Complete submissions must include the essay file as an MS word document as well as the author’s name, school, age, grade, and contact information (email address or phone number).

The following criteria also apply:
1. Open to all students grades 6-8, who have not previously participated in any NHAS programs;
2. Students must either reside or attend school in NH or VT;
3. Home-schooled students of ages 10-14 as of April 1, 2021, are eligible;
4. Each applicant may submit only one essay that is the original work of the student;
5. Essays must be 5,000 characters or less including spaces;
6. We prefer essays to be single-spaced and use Helvetica font 12pt;
7. Images, graphs, or non-print information should be limited to one page.

**Past NHAS scholarship awardees and those who have participated in NHAS programs at the NHAS STEM Lab in Lyme NH are not eligible.**
To view previous winning papers, visit:  
https://www.nhacadsci.org/writing-contest-winners

Essays will be judged on the following 4 criteria:

- **Originality** – 25 pts
- **Evidence of a thorough understanding of the science involved** – 25 pts
- **Clarity of how the breakthrough will affect our planet** – 25 pts
- **How well the essay reveals sound scientific reasoning** – 25 pts

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION***

Awards will be announced on **April 15, 2021**

- Each first-place winner will receive a full scholarship to one of our summer 1-week programs worth $600, an honorary membership in the NH Junior Academy of Science, and a gift bag.
- Each second-place winner will receive a half scholarship to one of our summer 1-week programs worth $300, an honorary membership in the NH Junior Academy of Science, and a gift bag.

All first and second place winners will work with our professional scientists to edit and prepare their essays for publication on our website.

To learn more about our summer programs, please visit [www.nhacadsci.org/summer](http://www.nhacadsci.org/summer)

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Scholarship Committee  
New Hampshire Academy of Science  
[www.NHAcadSci.org](http://www.NHAcadSci.org)  
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*Awards are not reimbursable and cannot be used in any year other than 2021*