

## National Garden Club High School Essay Contest

The High School Essay Contest is open to all High School students attending 9<sup>th</sup> through 12th grades. Each year a \$1000 NGC scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. The second place winner will receive \$100. The contest must be sponsored by: a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The theme for 2009-2010 is **Respect the World Around Us.**

### Essay Contest Rules

**Length of essay:** Between 500-600 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Winning essay will be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

#### Scale of Points:

- ❖ **Content** – 65
  - Knowledge of subject – 25
  - Practicality of proposal – 10
  - Originality – 15
  - Subject matter well organized/clarity of presentation – 15
- ❖ **Composition** – 25
  - Vocabulary – 15
  - Conformance to length – 10
- ❖ **Manuscript** – 10
  - Wallet-size photograph, name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, list of activities, and sponsoring club – 5
  - Neatness – Legibility (A plastic folder keeps the manuscript neat.) – 5

The **state deadline is December 1, 2009**. Entries should be submitted to Margot Haertel, GCFM Youth Activities Chairman, P.O. Box 1431, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. If you have any questions, please contact Margot Haertel at (207) 244-0362 or by email at [phaertel@roadrunner.com](mailto:phaertel@roadrunner.com).