



# 2024 YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

## Is Recycling Plastics the Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Essay Contest is open to all students in 9th - 12th grade. Essayists submit a 600-700 character essay that addresses the posed question.

### Submissions and Deadlines

All essays are submitted to a local garden club affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Local clubs send their winning essays (1 per grade-level) to their State by the published State deadline. State winning essays are sent to their Region Contest by 2/1/2025. Region winners are sent to the National Contest by 3/1/2025. National winning essays are announced in May 2025, and published online in a free digital essay booklet.



**Complete Guidelines**

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