



American Backflow Prevention Association Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship Essay Outline

Competition Description

The ABPA scholarship competition was established to reward students that seek to increase their knowledge and understanding of how Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention help ensure safe drinking water. Backflow Prevention is designed to prevent dangerous - and sometimes fatal - bacteria, chemicals and other harmful agents from entering the local water supply systems. Backflow Prevention programs are essential to ensure that the water that reaches your home, school or place of business is as safe and pure as it was when it left the water treatment plant.

The ABPA's focus is to have a public educated in the value and need for active local backflow prevention programs. Our goal is safe drinking water. The organization works to build a greater public awareness of Backflow Prevention as one component of safe drinking water.

Required Essay Content

Tell the public what you would suggest for them to be aware of - and do to protect the safe drinking water program(s) in your community.

Competition Rules and Parameters (official rules are available at www.abpa.org/scholarship.htm)

- Entries must be received by January 1 of each year.
 - The final winner and runner up will be notified by May 1.
 - The ABPA will award the first place winner a \$1000.00 scholarship.
 - A member of the ABPA will award the scholarship at an appropriate awards ceremony.
 - The winning essay will be published on the ABPA website and in industry publications.
 - The prize will be presented as a check in the winner's name to a recognized state-sponsored, tax-deferred "529 Investment National College Savings Program", the winner's established "529 Investment Educational IRA" (or Canadian equivalent) or directly to an accredited school in the name of the winner.
 - All entries must be submitted with an official entry application.
 - All entries become the property of the ABPA and will not be returned.
 - The essay must be 3 to 5 pages in length, typed using a 12-point font, and double-spaced.
 - The essay must address the current essay questions as posted on the www.abpa.org/scholarship website.
 - Factors taken into consideration by the judges include, but are not limited to, how well the essay answers the stated question(s), the accuracy of the essay, citing of sources used, creativity, feasibility of proposal, vision, relevance to theme, spelling, grammar, and impact of content.
 - The competition is open to all persons of high school age (over 13 and under 20 as of January 1) who are legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! This scholarship can be used for any type of advanced education.
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The American Backflow Prevention Association Harrington/Arthur Memorial Scholarship has been established in the memory of Paul Harrington of HotBox and Tony Arthur of Watts.