



## AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

### Official ABPA Harrington-Arthur Scholarship Essay Competition Rules

- 1. HOW TO ENTER:** Complete the official entry form (also available at [www.ABPA.org](http://www.ABPA.org).) NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.
- 2. DEADLINE:** Entries must be received before 12:00 midnight, January 1, 2012.
- 3. LIMIT:** An applicant may submit one entry per year. Multiple entries will be disqualified.
- 4. ENTRY APPLICATION:** All entries must be submitted with an official entry application.
- 5. ESSAY:** The essay must be 3 to 5 pages in length, typed using a 12-point font and double-spaced. The essay must address the required essay content as listed above.
- 6. ORIGINAL WORK:** Illegible, incomplete, forged, plagiarized or altered entries will not be accepted. You are required to include a statement in your essay to the effect that this is your own work; that it arises out of your own research, and that you have credited the work and ideas of any other people. There is no set wording, but the following are suggested:
  - 1. When your essay results from research that you have undertaken on your own:*  
"I certify that this essay is my own work, and that any ideas or quotations from the work of other people, published or otherwise, are fully referenced."
  - 2. When your work has been supported by another:*  
"I acknowledge the helpful guidance and support of my teacher, Mr. X"
  - 3. Occasional use of the ideas of others can be covered in the body of the essay by:*  
"I am indebted to Ms. X for this point."
  - 4. If the entire essay relies heavily on the work of another:*  
"This essay is heavily based upon the work of X."
- 7. SUBMISSION:** Essays should be submitted by:

Email: [scholarship@abpa.org](mailto:scholarship@abpa.org)  
Fax: 979.846.7607  
Mail: ABPA  
Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship  
PO Box 3051  
Bryan, Texas 77805-3051
- 8. SPONSOR:** The ABPA and judges are not responsible for late, lost, stolen, damaged, garbled, incomplete, misaddressed, postage due, or misdirected entries or communications, errors, omissions, interruptions, deletions, defects, or delays in operations or transmission of information, in any case whether arising by way of technical or other failures or malfunctions of computer hardware, software, communications devices, transmission lines, data corruption, theft, destruction, unauthorized access to or alteration of entry materials, loss or otherwise. The ABPA disclaims any liability for damage to any computer system resulting from participation in, or accessing or downloading information in connection with, this competition, and reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, terminate or suspend this competition should any virus, bug, unauthorized human intervention or other causes beyond the control of the ABPA corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness or proper conduct of the competition. All entries become the exclusive property of the ABPA and will not be returned to entrants. NO PURCHASE IS REQUIRED TO WIN.
- 9. JUDGES:** The Boards of Directors of the ABPA will select the judges. The panel of judges will put the greatest emphasis on how well the essay answers the stated question, the accuracy of the essay, and its clarity and organization. To a lesser degree, the panel will rate each essay on additional criteria, including creativity, citing of sources used, grammar, and spelling.

**10. SELECTION OF WINNERS:** Winners will be selected through subjective judgment of the judges by May 1, 2012. The odds of winning depend upon the number of eligible entries received. Winners will be notified by mail at the address provided on his/her entry form. Winners must sign an affidavit of eligibility and liability/publicity release to receive the scholarship. The scholarship may be awarded to an alternate winner if the scholarship notification is undeliverable or if the winner does not respond to the scholarship notification within 30 days after the notification date. An alternate scholarship winner may also be selected if affidavit/release is not returned within 14 days after mailing it to the winner. If the winner does not claim the scholarship, then it is at the sole discretion of the ABPA whether or not to select an alternate winner. One must be of high school age (over 13 and under 20 as of December 31, 2011) and a legal resident of the United States or Canada to win the scholarship.

**11. SCHOLARSHIPS:** There will be one SCHOLARSHIP presented as a check in the winner's name to a recognized state-sponsored, tax-deferred "529 Investment National College Savings Program", to the winner's established "529 Investment Educational IRA" (or the Canadian equivalent) or to an accredited school in the name of the winner. The scholarship is not transferable.

**12. AWARD DATE:** A member of the ABPA will award the scholarship at an appropriate awards ceremony at the student's school. The winning essay will be published on the ABPA website and in several industry publications. The sponsors are responsible only for scholarship delivery and not responsible for scholarship utility, quality or otherwise.

**13. ELIGIBILITY:** The competition is open to all persons of high school age (over 13 and under 20 as of January 31, 2011) and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! The scholarship can be used for any type of advanced education. ABPA officers and directors, or their immediate families, are not eligible to participate. Winners of a scholarship under this competition are not eligible to win more than once.

**14. AGREEMENT:** By submitting an entry, you are stating that you agree to all competition rules, and, if under the age of 18, certify that you have the permission of a parent or legal guardian to participate.

**15. MISCELLANEOUS:** This offer is void outside the United States or Canada and where prohibited or restricted by law and is subject to applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. All taxes, title, licensing and registration and other fees are the sole responsibility of scholarship winners. The internal laws of the State of Texas will govern this Competition. Any and all legal actions or claims arising in connection with this Competition must be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within the United States of America. By participating in this Competition, each entrant accepts the conditions stated in these Official Rules, agrees to be bound by the decisions of the judges, and warrants that s/he is eligible to participate in this Competition. By accepting the scholarship, the winner agrees to release the ABPA, its directors, employees, officers, and agents, including without limitation, its advertising, promotion and judging agencies, from any and all liability, loss or damages arising from or in connection with the awarding, receipt, and/or use or misuse of scholarship or participation in any scholarship-related activities. While we do not anticipate changes, the ABPA reserves the right to change or modify these rules from time to time.

**16. CAUTION:** ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT TO DELIBERATELY UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THIS COMPETITION IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS. SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, THE ABPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH ENTRANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

**17. DISPUTES:** As a condition of participating in this competition, participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this competition, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will participant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e., costs associated with entering this competition), and participant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

**18. WINNERS:** To obtain winners list, visit our website [www.ABPA.org](http://www.ABPA.org) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: ABPA Harrington/Arthur Memorial Scholarship P.O. Box 3051 Bryan, Texas 77805.

**19. CONFIDENTIALITY:** The ABPA will not use or sell the information you provide in any manner other than as relates to this scholarship.