Soil Survey Horizons is accepting entries for an essay contest for students at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The winner of each category will receive a one-year student membership to the Soil Science Society of America, a one-year subscription to Soil Survey Horizons, and their paper will be published in Soil Survey Horizons.

**Topic:** Submissions may cover any topic related to soils, agriculture, field ecology, soil survey, or history of soils. The topic should be related to the scope of Soil Survey Horizons and may be research results or non-research topics. Topics can include:

- Soil survey problems
- Innovative methods and equipment
- Evaluation of the performance of field equipment
- Landscape and soil research studies
- Case studies from consulting work
- Classification issues in soil taxonomy systems
- Profiles in history
- Travelogues from soil expeditions
- Personal essays
- Summer soil survey experiences

Submissions should adhere to a suggested limit of 800 to 2000 words for the main body of manuscript (excluding title, captions, references, etc). Photos, illustrations, and tables are encouraged. Submissions should follow the contributor guidelines published on the inside back cover of Soil Survey Horizons.

**Scope:** Submissions may present either research results or other original information—the article must be the original efforts of the submitter. While faculty members can provide some review, and may be listed as a junior author, the submission must represent the work of the student.

**Who:** There will be two categories, both undergraduate and graduate.

- The article should be written while the student is an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution within the current academic year.
- In cases where there are multiple entries from a single institution, sponsoring faculty advisors are requested to help coordinate the submissions and judge local entries, but more than one entry per institution is permitted. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

**Winner Selection:** Submitted articles will be evaluated by the editorial board, and winners of each category (as well as runner-ups) will be published in Soil Survey Horizons at no cost to the author. Criteria for competition will be originality, creativity, interest, and quality of writing (grammar, punctuation, style, logic, organization).

**Deadline:** Aug 8, 2009. Manuscripts are to be submitted electronically to Eric Brevik and can be submitted at any time prior to the deadline.

Questions should be directed to Eric Brevik, student contest coordinator, (Eric.Brevik@dsu.nodak.edu), or Lisa Al-Amoodi, Managing Editor (lalamoodi@agronomy.org).