2011 Soil Survey Horizons Student Article Contest

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

Who
There are two categories, 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 judge local entries. But more than one entry per institution is permitted.

Selection of Winners
Submitted articles will be evaluated by the editorial board, and winners of each category (as well as runner ups) will be published. Criteria for selection of the winners will be originality, creativity, and quality of writing (grammar, punctuation, style, logic, organization).

Style
A suggested limit is 800 to 2000 words for the main body of the manuscript (excluding title, captions, references, etc.). Use of original photos, illustrations, and/or tables is encouraged. Research papers must follow the typical Soil Survey Horizons format for content (Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions) and have citations and references. Writing must follow the protocols of the SSSA Style Manual found at https://www.soils.org/publications/style.

Scope
The topic must be either research results or original information; the article should be the original efforts of the submitter. While faculty members can provide some review and be a junior author, the submission must represent the work of the student. The students are requested to have a faculty sponsor to help coordinate the submission if there are multiple entries per institution. Only one entry is allowed per person.

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