

What is DNA Day?

It is a celebration of the discovery of DNA's double helix in 1953 and the successful completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003, which gave us the ability to read a complete genetic blueprint for building a human being.

What is the ASHG DNA Day Essay Contest

It is a contest open to high school students around the world. Each year, students are asked to examine, question, and reflect on an important topic in genetics by writing a 750-word essay. Human genetics experts evaluate each submission and may even provide feedback to help you improve. Submission is free, and there is a chance to win up to \$1,000!

ASHG DNA Day Essay Contest Information:

- **Prizes:** Three winners will receive up to \$1,000 and a matching lab equipment grant, 10 honorable mentions will win \$100 each. All winners and honorable mentions are announced on the Essay Contest website, ASHG's social media platforms, and in their local media outlets.
- Eligibility: All high school students
- Submission Cost: FREE
- **Submission Process:** Teachers must submit student essays online at the link the right.
- Due Date: Early March



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Connect with a human genetics expert for help on your essay, or any genetics-related question, through the ASHG Genetics Engagement and Education (GENE) Network. The GENE Network is a FREE resource made up of human genetics experts from around the world who have volunteered to answer your questions. Connect today follow the link/QR Code to the right.

For all additional ASHG resources about the wonders of human genetics and genomics, including videos, games, and handouts, visit Discover Genetics at the link/QR Code to the right.



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