

Contest Guidelines

-Thank you for your interest in our writing contest sponsored by The Daily Dosage! Please find below a list of contest submission guidelines to adhere to while creating your piece. Good luck!

-General Guidelines:

-The contest submission deadlines are as follows: June 14th, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. EST (starting date and time)—July 25th, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. EST (ending date and time)

-All decisions made by the judges regarding the winners are final

-No contest entry fees will be returned

-By submitting, you are agreeing to all contest rules

-Contest rules are subject to change

-Eligibility:

-The contest is open to all high school and college students (including undergraduate and graduate students) across the world.

-The Prompt:

With respect for the 785 million people who lack access to clean water, in 785 words or less, describe what it means to be a responsible global citizen in the field of science. Feel free to get creative! You can tell us a short story, write a poem, draw on the lives of historical figures or your own experience, compose a short script, or write a standard essay.

-Submissions:

-All submissions must be 785 words or less, single-spaced. Please use good reason when choosing fonts—no Comic Sans!

-All submissions must be written in English.

-All submissions must adhere closely to the prompt (see prompt above). Please note that, as a nonprofit organization, The Borgen Project fights global poverty. While mentioning domestic poverty (i.e., poverty in the U.S.) is acceptable, please do not make this the central topic of your submission.

-All submissions must be exclusive to The Daily Dosage. While we accept submissions that have been written for previous assignments (e.g., a social policy class in school), submissions cannot have been published online or in print elsewhere prior to entry into our contest. If you are planning on submitting a piece initially written for another assignment, please be aware that your submission must adhere closely to our prompt.

-Only one submission is allowed per person.

-All submissions are subject to a \$5.00 entry fee. We collect entry fees exclusively to support the essential advocacy work of The Borgen Project! All submission fees must be paid in U.S.

dollars. Please see the “Funding” section for more information about our processing of submission fees.

-All submissions must be submitted through our official Typeform account, which can be found at. Please do not email submissions.

-Judging Criteria

-Judging criteria of the selection committee are as follows:

-Relevance to prompt. Does the piece address the importance of STEM professionals’ global responsibility in particular?

-Creativity. Does the piece bring a fresh perspective to the widely discussed issue of global citizenship, either stylistically through writing or content-wise through insights and topics?

-Evidence. Does the piece address the outside world through research (including standard research, external references, or personal experiences)?

-Analysis. Does the author of the piece demonstrate depth of thought and willingness to address, rather than dismiss, counter arguments?

-Grammar. Does the piece adhere to the standard conventions of English grammar? Is the piece coherent and comprehensible?

-Judging Procedure:

-Judges will assign each piece a rating from one to five in each of these five subcategories. The five categorical rankings will then be averaged to obtain an overall score. Each judge will randomly be assigned to read one-fifth of the total submissions (with five judges reading one-fifth of submissions, all submissions will be accounted for). Two judges will read the same one-fifth of submissions, thereby guaranteeing that every submission is read at least twice.

-The twenty essays with the highest scores will then advance to a second round of judging, during which a different pair of randomly assigned judges will read and assess two-fifths of the top twenty submissions. Once the Round 2 average scores for all twenty pieces have been determined, they will be added to each piece’s respective average scores from Round 1 of judging.

-The top 5 pieces with the highest combined score will then advance to a final round of judging. During this round, each judge will read and assess each submission. The average score from Round 3 for each piece will be added to the respective average score at the end of Round 2 judging. The essay with the highest score at the end of the three rounds will win the contest! Should there be a tie between essays, judges will convene virtually via Zoom to discuss the merit of each essay until a winner is determined. Every submission will be read and assessed according to the judging criteria above, with respect to the submission guidelines.

-Prizes:

-Publication on the official Daily Dosage website! The winning author's essay will be published no later than September 1st, 2020 on The Daily Dosage blog.

-A \$100.00 cash prize. We will provide payment via cash to the winning author's mailing address, in an official envelope, after he or she has confirmed acceptance of the award.

-An interview to be featured on The Borgen Project's "State of the Union" page and Facebook page. The winning author will be contacted no later than 5 business days following award notification for an interview with a representative of The Daily Dosage and one of The Borgen Project's staff members. With over **6.9 million website visitors annually and 30,000+ FB followers**, being featured on our website is great exposure for any writer!

-The winning author will be notified on or before September 1st, 2020 via email. Should the author not respond in a week's timing from the sending the message, he or she will be contacted via phone. Should the author not respond within three days of receiving a phone call, he or she will forfeit the award.

-Should the winning author forfeit his or her award, the selection committee will reconvene to determine a winner.

-Funding: The Borgen Project is a 501 (c)(3) tax-deductible nonprofit organization committed to ending global poverty by making poverty alleviation a priority of U.S. foreign policy. When you submit an entry via The Borgen Project's "Be a Donor" page (linked to our contest registration form), 100% of your submission fee towards supporting our essential advocacy work comprised of four distinct avenues of operation:

-Advocacy: The Borgen Project staff regularly meet with U.S. congressional leaders to support the passage of key poverty-reducing legislation. As of date, The Borgen Project has met with no less than 97% of the U.S. Senate and 762 congressional offices, and has been vital in the passage of life-saving legislation (e.g., the 2014 Water for the World Act).

-Mobilization: The Borgen Project mobilizes people to contact their congressional representatives in favor of key poverty-reducing legislation. In just one example, we mobilized more than 9,000 emails from constituents to their members of Congress in support of the 2017 READ Act, which is projected to improve the lives of more than 263 million school-aged young people through increases in educational development partnerships.

-Education: The Borgen Project endows people with the advocacy skills necessary to communicate effectively with their government. We publish reader-friendly overviews of legislation's progression through Congress, as well as helpful tips and procedures for contacting Congress.

-Awareness: The Borgen Project Blog and Magazine build awareness for poverty-reducing innovations, legislation, and technology. Please visit <https://borgenproject.org/blog/> to check out some of our work!

As recently as 2019, the Borgen Project received the Gold Star Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations that ranks transparency of financial monitoring and reporting. Read the entire GuideStar Profile of The

Borgen Project here: <https://www.guidestar.org/Profile/6985301>. As part of our commitment to transparent and responsible financial operating, we have recruited several independent individuals and agencies for the purpose of financial tracking, including an outside accountant (not a staff member) who manages the day to day finances and an outside accounting firm that reviews and files The Borgen Project's annual report to the IRS, among others.

To view The Borgen Project's full financial statements of activity, please visit <https://borgenproject.org/financials/>. If you have any further questions regarding the processing of your submission fee or The Borgen Project's financials, please don't hesitate to reach out to donors@borgenproject.org or consult the donor FAQs.