



Berkshire Section

IEEE Science Writing Contest Rules

This section covers the "mechanics" of the 2010 contest.

1. This contest is limited to students from C. H. McCann Technical School, Darrow School, Drury High School, Gateway Regional High School, Hoosac Valley High School, Lee High School, Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Miss Hall's School, Monument Mountain Regional High School, Mt. Everett Regional High School, Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Pittsfield High School, Taconic High School, St. Joseph Central High School and Wahconah Regional High School.
2. Two prize divisions will be established; grades 9-10 and grades 11-12.
3. Each school is responsible for screening and selecting up to six papers for submission to each of the two divisions (twelve papers/school maximum total). The sponsoring school must submit the entries with a postmark no later than March 5, 2010. Each entry must have the cover sheet initialed by the submitting teacher.
4. The cover sheet will be detached prior to judging to remove the identity of the author and the school. Each paper will be assigned a code. No identification of the author, school, or school personnel may be included in the text or references, including the web search records.
5. Repeat the paper's title on the top of the first page of text. Paginate the text pages (e.g., 1/5, 2/5 ...). Omit numbering on the title Page.
6. Papers should total approximately 500 to 1,500 words of 12-point double-spaced type (about three to five pages). Page count does NOT include the space used for formulas, drawings, charts, or graphs. Excessive length reduces the chances of winning. Do not use colors, as black and white copies will be made prior to judging.
7. A bibliography of the sources must be included, or the paper will be eliminated from the competition. Citations for the sources must be noted within the text. APA, MLA and the citation format used at the submitting school are acceptable. Note the date on which the database sources were accessed.
8. Entries will be judged on the choice and appropriateness of the topic, the scientific content, the student's comprehension and personal reflections on material, the accuracy of the analysis; and the quality of the writing, including the documentation of the references. (Please refer to the "substance" section of rules.)
9. The Berkshire Section IEEE judges reserves the right to limit awards to papers that meet the minimum quality standards. Decisions of the IEEE judges are final. Entries become the property of IEEE, Berkshire Section, and may be reprinted at the discretion of IEEE.
10. The sponsoring schools should mail one copy of each paper to:

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