

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer 2019 DDF Scholarship Essay Contest

High School Essay Contest Rubric

Maximum Word Count: 500

	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge/	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
Understanding	little to no	limited	some	considerable	a thorough
of the effects of	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding
stomach	of the effects	of the effects of	of the effects	of the effects	of the effects of
cancer and	of stomach	stomach cancer	of stomach	of stomach	stomach
hopes and	cancer and	and hopes and	cancer and	cancer and	cancer and
dreams	hopes and	dreams	hopes and	hopes and	hopes and
	dreams		dreams	dreams	dreams
Support	Does not	Lacks	Supports	Supports	Supports thesis
	support thesis	supporting	thesis with	thesis with	with substantial
	with relevant	information and	some	good amount	relevant
	information	evidence	information	of relevant	information and
	and evidence		and evidence	information	evidence
				and evidence	
Communication	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and
Language and	intent are	intent are clear	intent are	intent are	intent are clear
Style	unclear	but sometimes	sometimes	clear	and engaging
		not possible to	unclear		
		comprehend			
Organization	Writing is	Writing is	Writing has a	Writing has a	Writing has a
	aimless and	organized, but	beginning,	satisfactory	captivating
	disorganized	sometimes gets	middle, and	beginning,	opening, an
		off topic; uses	end. It's	middle, end,	informative
		few transitions if	organized, but	and clear	middle,
		any	could be more	transitions	satisfying
			compelling;		conclusion, and
			uses few		excellent use of
			transitions		transitions



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Middle School Essay Contest Rubric

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	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge/	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
Understanding	little to no	limited	some	considerable	thorough
of president's	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding
impact on	of president's	of president's	of president's	of president's	of president's
stomach	impact on	impact on	impact on	impact on	impact on
cancer patients	stomach	stomach cancer	stomach	stomach	stomach
	cancer	patients	cancer	cancer	cancer patients
	patients		patients	patients	
Support	Does not	Lacks	Supports	Supports	Supports thesis
	support thesis	supporting	thesis with	thesis with	with substantial
	with relevant	information and	some	good amount	relevant
	information	evidence	information	of relevant	information and
	and evidence		and evidence	information	evidence
				and evidence	
Communication	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and
Language and	intent are	intent are clear	intent are	intent are	intent are clear
Style	unclear	but sometimes	sometimes	clear	and engaging
		not possible to	unclear		
		comprehend			
Organization	Writing is	Writing is	Writing has a	Writing has a	Writing has a
	aimless and	organized, but	beginning,	satisfactory	captivating
	disorganized	sometimes gets	middle, and	beginning,	opening, an
		off topic; uses	end. It's	middle, end,	informative
		few transitions if	organized, but	and clear	middle,
		any	could be more	transitions	satisfying
			compelling;		conclusion, and
			uses few		excellent use of
			transitions		transitions



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Lower School Essay Contest Rubric

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	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge/	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
Understanding	little to no	limited	some	considerable	thorough
of how the	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding	understanding
federal	of how the	of how the	of how the	of how the	of how the
government	federal	federal	federal	federal	federal
could change	government	government	government	government	government
funding for	could change	could change	could change	could change	could change
stomach cancer	funding for	funding for	funding for	funding for	funding for
research	stomach	stomach	stomach	stomach	stomach
rooodron	cancer	cancer	cancer	cancer	cancer
	research	research	research	research	research
Support	Does not	Lacks	Supports	Supports	Supports thesis
	support thesis	supporting	thesis with	thesis with	with substantial
	with relevant	information and	some	good amount	relevant
	information	evidence	information	of relevant	information and
	and evidence		and evidence	information	evidence
				and evidence	
Communication	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and	Meaning and
Language and	intent are	intent are clear	intent are	intent are	intent are clear
Style	unclear	but sometimes	sometimes	clear	and engaging
		not possible to	unclear		
		comprehend			
Organization	Writing is	Writing is	Writing has a	Writing has a	Writing has a
	aimless and	organized, but	beginning,	satisfactory	captivating
	disorganized	sometimes	middle, and	beginning,	opening, an
	-	gets off topic;	end. It's	middle, end,	informative
		uses few	organized, but	and clear	middle,
		transitions if	could be more	transitions	satisfying
		any	compelling;		conclusion, and
			uses few		excellent use of
			transitions		transitions