



2020
SCHOLARSHIP
E S S A Y
CONTEST

Deadline: October 30, 2020



FREE TO APPLY!

High School Winner - \$700
Middle School Winner - \$200
Elementary School Winner - \$100

For rules and essay prompts, visit:
DebbiesDream.org/scholarship-essay-contest

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2020 DDF Scholarship Essay Contest Application

For the fourth year, Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer is holding an essay contest for students in three categories - high school, middle school, and elementary school. One winner will be chosen from each category.

Applicant Information	
Full Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Date of Birth	
Education	
School Name	
School Address	
School City, State, Zip Code	
School Phone	
School Email	
Grade	
Parent/Guardian Information	
Full Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email	
Instructions	
Please complete this form and email it to Communications@DebbiesDream.org along with your essay, biography/personal statement, and a headshot for our website. Please email Communications@DebbiesDream.org or call the office at (954) 475-1200 with any questions.	
Signature	
Applicant Name	
Applicant Signature	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	

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- **High School:** Per cancer death, stomach cancer receives the least amount of federal funding of any cancer. The 2019 federal budget was 3.8 trillion dollars, and Congress is debating with the president currently about how much the 2020 federal budget should be and how it should be distributed. Explain how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research and why it's important.
- **Middle School:** Imagine you are the president of the United States. What steps would you take to improve the lives of stomach cancer patients?
- **Elementary School:** Stomach cancer can affect everyone. What are your hopes and dreams for the future regarding stomach cancer?



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High School Essay Contest Rubric

Maximum Word Count: 500

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



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Middle School Essay Contest Rubric

Maximum Word Count: 300

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



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Lower School Essay Contest Rubric

Maximum Word Count: 150

	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge/ Understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research	Demonstrates little to no understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research	Demonstrates limited understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research	Demonstrates some understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research	Demonstrates considerable understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research	Demonstrates thorough understanding of how the federal government could change funding for stomach cancer research
Support	Does not support thesis with relevant information and evidence	Lacks supporting information and evidence	Supports thesis with some information and evidence	Supports thesis with good amount of relevant information and evidence	Supports thesis with substantial relevant information and evidence
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