

# 2011 Soil Survey Horizons Student Article Contest

*Soil Survey Horizons* is pleased to announce the third annual essay contest for students at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The winner of each category will receive a one-year student membership to Soil Science Society of America, a one-year subscription to *Soil Survey Horizons*, and the paper will be published in *Soil Survey Horizons*.

## Topic:

Any topic related to soils, agriculture, field ecology, soil survey, or history of soils. Topics should be related to the scope of *Soil Survey Horizons* and may be research results or non-research topics. Topics may include:

- Soil survey problems
- Innovative methods and equipment
- Evaluation of the performance of field equipment
- Landscape and soil research studies
- Case studies from consulting work
- Classification issues in soil taxonomy systems
- Profiles in history
- Travelogues from soil expeditions
- Personal essays
- Summer soil survey experiences

## Style

A suggested limit is 800 to 2000 words for the main body of the manuscript (excluding title, captions, references, etc.). Use of original photos, illustrations, and/or tables is encouraged. Research papers must follow the typical *Soil Survey Horizons* format for content (Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions) and have citations and references. Writing must follow the protocols of the SSSA Style Manual found at <https://www.soils.org/publications/style>.

## Scope

The topic must be either research results or original information; the article should be the original efforts of the submitter. While faculty members can provide some review and be a junior author, the submission must represent the work of the student. The students are requested to have a faculty sponsor to help coordinate the submission if there are multiple entries per institution. Only one entry is allowed per person.

## Who

There are two categories, undergraduate and graduate.

The article should be written while the student is an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution within the current academic year.

In cases where there are multiple entries from a single institution, sponsoring faculty advisors are requested to help judge local entries. But more than one entry per institution is permitted.

## Selection of Winners

Submitted articles will be evaluated by the editorial board, and winners of each category (as well as runner ups) will be published. Criteria for selection of the winners will be originality, creativity, interest, and quality of writing (grammar, punctuation, style, logic, organization).

## Submissions

Submit manuscripts electronically to Eric Brevik at [Eric.Brevik@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:Eric.Brevik@dickinsonstate.edu). Manuscripts can be submitted at any time before the deadline, January 30, 2012.

## Questions

Questions should be directed to Eric Brevik, student contest coordinator or Lisa Al-Amoodi, Managing Editor ([lalamoodi@sciencesocieties.org](mailto:lalamoodi@sciencesocieties.org)).



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