



Project Weather Scholarship

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THE SCHOLARSHIP

Established in August of 2008, the Project Weather Scholarship will be awarded once each year to seven high school seniors who excel in science. Checks will be presented by a Spectrum Bay News 9 meteorologist at the Spectrum Bay News 9 studios. The scholarship is granted as a part of Spectrum Bay News 9's commitment to educating children about science and weather.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Project Weather Scholarship is a one-time award given to one student attending a public, private, home or parochial school in each of the following counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk. Each \$1,000 check will be presented by a Spectrum Bay News 9 meteorologist at the Spectrum Bay News 9 studios. (Winners are responsible for transportation to and from Spectrum Bay News 9. Each recipient will also appear on Spectrum Bay News 9 and on BayNews9.com.

Complete Official Rules and Entry Packet available at www.baynews9.com/projectweather Scholarship awarded as \$1,000 check payable to each confirmed winner.

QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for the Contest an applicant must:

- ◆ Have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4-point scale.
- ◆ Be a student in a public, private, home or parochial school in grade 12 (or equivalent in their final year of high school) as of the date of entry.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a completed Application Form along with a written essay of 500 words or less explaining why you believe you should receive the prize, a letter of recommendation from one of your high school teachers, and a copy of your transcript for proof of GPA. Send applications to:

Project Weather Scholarship Contest
c/o Spectrum Bay News 9
700 Carillon Parkway, Ste. 9
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

All entries must be received by
January 6, 2020.

**“SPECTRUM BAY NEWS 9 PROJECT WEATHER SCHOLARSHIP”
CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS CONTEST.

A purchase will not improve chances of winning.

By entering this Contest, entrants accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Spectrum Bay News 9, 700 Carillon Parkway, Suite 9, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 (the “Sponsor”). Any violation of these rules may, at Sponsor’s discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges regarding this Contest are final and binding in all respects.

1. **CONTEST PERIOD.** Promotion begins 12:01 AM ET September 1, 2019 and ends 11:59 PM ET January 6, 2020, when all entries must be received (“Contest Period”).
2. **ELIGIBILITY.** To participate in the Contest you must:
 - a) be a United States resident attending a public, private, home or parochial school in one of the following Florida counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas or Polk;
 - b) Be in grade 12 (or equivalent in their final year of high school) as of the date of entry; and
 - c) Have an overall GPA, as of the date of entry, of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Eligible entrants who are less than eighteen (18) years of age must have a parent or legal guardian’s permission to participate. Officers, directors, members, and employees of the Sponsor, its parent , subsidiaries, affiliates, and distributors, members of the judging panel, or any other party associated with the development or administration of this Contest (collectively, the “Contest Entities”), and the immediate family members (i.e., parents, children, siblings, spouse) and/or persons residing in the same household, as such individuals are ineligible to participate in the Contest. This Contest is void outside the Florida Counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties, and where prohibited.

3. **HOW TO ENTER.** Visit www.baynews9.com/projectweather or the GUIDANCE OR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT at participating high schools during the Contest Period to receive an entry packet. A completed entry (the “Submission”) must include the following:
 - a) an essay explaining why you think you deserve the Project Weather Science Award on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, neatly written or typed in English, no more than 500 words and no less than 300 words;
 - b) a completed Application Form;

- c) a letter of recommendation (250 words or less) from a current high school teacher; AND
- d) a copy of your most current high school transcript for proof of GPA.

MAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO Spectrum Bay News 9 Project Weather Contest, c/o Spectrum Bay News 9, 700 Carillon Parkway, Suite 9, St. Petersburg FL 33716, received by January 6, 2020. Entrants represent and warrant that their Submission is the original work of such entrant, unpublished, not submitted in any other competition, it has not been copied from others, and it does not violate the rights of any other person or entity. Entrant further represents and warrants that their Submission adheres to the fundamental spirit of the Contest and does not contain any defamatory, obscene or otherwise unlawful matter or depict anyone engaged in any illegal, immoral or lewd act, any violent or pornographic material or contain any other inappropriate content (as determined by Sponsor). Limit: One entry per person during the Contest Period. In the case of a minor entrant, Submission of an entry constitutes consent of the minor entrant's parent/legal guardian or behalf of themselves and their child/ward entrant to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor and/or judges, whose decisions shall be final and binding in all respects. All entrant information, including e-mail addresses, is subject to Sponsor's Privacy Policy available at URL.

4. WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION. All entries will be judged on or about April 1, 2020 (the "Judging Date") by a panel of judges comprised of employees from Spectrum Bay News 9. The judges will score entries based on the following criteria: Knowledge and Participation in science activities (both at school and outside): (35%); Overall Character (volunteerism, community involvement) of the entrant: (25%); Material Organization in the Essay (Logical interpretation of the subject): (15%); Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity): (10%); Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: (10%); Neatness: (5%). The entry with the highest overall score in each county will be declared a potential winner. In the event of a tie, the tied entries will be re-judged by an additional judge based on the foregoing judging criteria to determine the winner, subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with the Official Rules. Any potential winner will be notified by mail, email and/or telephone.

If a potential winner: i) cannot be contacted; ii) does not respond within five (5) days from the date the Sponsor first tries to notify him/her, iii) fails to return the Affidavit and Release as specified herein; iv) refuses the prize; and/or (v) the prize or prize notification is returned as undeliverable, such potential winner forfeits all rights to the Contest or receive the prize, and an alternate potential winner may be selected. Upon contacting a potential winner and determining that he/she has met all eligibility requirements of the Contest, including without limitation the execution of required waivers, publicity and liability releases and disclaimers, such individual will be declared the "winner" of the Contest.

5. PRIZE DESCRIPTION. There will be seven (7) winners, one (1) for each county. Each prize consists of a \$1,000 check payable to the Prize winner which may be used to offset expenses related to college or university. Prizes will be presented to the confirmed winners by a Spectrum Bay News 9 meteorologist at the Spectrum Bay

News 9 studios on or about May, 2020. Winners are solely responsible for transportation to and from the Spectrum Bay News 9 studios. Winners will get a tour of the studio and can bring their family with them. Minor winners must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. In the event any winner cannot attend the presentation at Spectrum Bay News 9 studios, such winner will receive his/her Prize following the date of the presentation.

6. **TAXES.** All federal, state and/or local income and other taxes, if any, are the winner's sole responsibility.

7. **OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE.** All entry materials become the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. The copyright in any Submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this Contest constitutes entrant's irrevocable and perpetual permission and consent, without further compensation with or without attribution, to use, reproduce, print, publish, transmit, distribute, sell, perform, adapt, enhance, or display such Submission for any purpose including but not limited to editorial, advertising, trade, commercial, and publicity purposes by the Sponsor and/or others authorized by the Sponsor, in any and all media now in existence or hereinafter created, throughout the world, for the duration of the copyright in the Submission. Sponsor and/or others authorized by the Sponsor shall have the right to edit, adapt, and modify the Submission.

8. **CONSENT AND RELEASE.** By entering the Contest, each entrant (or if the entrant is a minor, parent or legal guardian on behalf of such participant/winner) releases and discharges the Contest Entities and each of their respective officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, "Sponsor Entities") from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with this Contest, including without limitation legal claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages, demands or actions of any kind (including without limitation personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction or property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light) (collectively, "Claims"). Except where prohibited: (i) acceptance of a prize constitutes the consent of any winner (and, in the case of a minor winner, such minor winner's parent/legal guardian on his/her behalf), without further compensation, for Sponsor and its designees to use the name and likeness of such winner and his/her Submission for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes by the Sponsor and/or others authorized by the Sponsor; (ii) acceptance of a prize constitutes a release by any winner (and, in the case of a minor winner, such minor winner's parent/legal guardian on his/her behalf) of the Sponsor Entities of any and all Claims in connection with the administration of this Contest and the use, misuse, or possession of his/her Submission or any prize; (iii) any potential winner may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility (including social security number) and a liability/publicity/copyright release; and (iv) if prize involves travel or activities, any potential winner (and, in the case of a minor winner, such minor winner's parent/legal guardian on his/her behalf) and travel companion (if applicable) may be required to execute releases of the Sponsor from any and all liability with respect to participation in such travel/activities and/or use of the prize. Affidavits and releases

construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. All disputes arising out of or connected with this Contest will be resolved individually, and without resort to class action, exclusively by a state or federal court located in the State of Florida. Should there be a conflict between the laws of the State of Florida and any other laws, the conflict will be resolved in favor of the laws of the State of Florida. All judgments or awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket damages (excluding attorneys' fees) associated with participation in this Contest and shall not include any indirect, punitive, incidental and/or consequential damages.

11. **WINNER LIST.** For a list containing the names of the winners, send a self-addressed stamped envelope, within six (6) weeks of the Judging Date, to: Winner List, "Project Weather Scholarship," Spectrum Bay News 9, 700 Carillon Parkway, Suite 9, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.