

*The California Society for Biomedical Research invites
California and Nevada high school students to participate in our*

CSBR Annual Essay Contest

“Stem Cell Research: A Science-based Societal Issue”

More than 220 different types of cells and more than one trillion individual cells form the tissues of our bodies. Stem cells are the most basic form of cells and have the ability to develop into almost any of the body's different cell types such as, blood cells, heart cells, brain cells, etc.

While stem cell research holds the promise for significant medical breakthroughs, the potential for treatments and cures for many diseases and conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and cancer, such research can be seen as highly controversial and it touches on many social and ethical concerns.

Awards:

1st Prize: \$200 savings bond certificate*, T-shirt

2nd Prize: \$100 savings bond certificate*, T-shirt

Teachers of the award-winning students will each receive a free Infection Game with Teacher's Guide Play Book.

** Note: In order to receive the savings bond, winners must submit their Social Security number, which will only be used by CSBR to obtain savings bond and then all records will be destroyed.*

Essay Requirements:

1. Contest participants must be a 9th – 12th grade California or Nevada student;
2. Essays must be a minimum of 500 words, but not exceed 600 words, and typed and double-spaced on 8-1/2" x 11" paper;
3. Essays must explain what stem research is and address the controversies, concerns, and potential benefits to human and animal health;
4. Essays must address whether or not the writer believes stem cell research should continue or not;
5. Essays must have titles and must have a cover sheet attached (provided by CSBR);
6. Student's name or any other identifying marks must not appear on the essay.

Where to Send Essays:

California Society for Biomedical Research (CSBR)

P.O. Box 19340

Sacramento, CA 95819-0340

Contest Deadline:

Entries must be postmarked by **February 4, 2008**. Each submission becomes the property of CSBR. Winning essays will be published in the CSBR quarterly newsletter, posted on the CSBR website, and may appear in future CSBR publications.

More Information/Coversheet:

For links about biomedical research, a copy of the essay guidelines and coversheet, please visit our website at: <http://www.ca-biomed.org/csbr> or call (916) 558-1515.

*The California Society for Biomedical Research invites
California and Nevada 5th – 8th grade students to participate in our*

CSBR Annual Poster Contest

“Life Sciences Coloring Book”

Pretend you are creating a page for a new coloring book for little kids about the life sciences and science research. What would your picture be? Remember – it’s a coloring book, so don’t color it in!

Some ideas for your coloring book page might be medical research laboratories, doctors finding cures to diseases, cells, Petri dishes and test tubes, mice, microscopes, and new medicines.

When scoring your drawing, judges will consider creativity, originality, and your ability to incorporate the life sciences into your drawing.

Awards:

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2nd Prize: \$100 savings bond certificate*, T-shirt

Teachers of the award-winning students will each receive a free Infection Game with Teacher’s Guide Play Book.

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Poster Requirements:

1. Contest participants must be a 5th – 8th grade California or Nevada student;
2. Drawings must be submitted on an unlined 8-1/2” x 11” piece of paper in black ink or pencil and must not be colored in;
3. Drawings must incorporate the life sciences;
4. Drawings must have titles and must have a cover sheet attached (provided by CSBR);
5. Student’s name or any other identifying marks must not appear on the drawing.

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Contest Deadline:

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More Information/Coversheet:

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