

THE **School of Ants** ESSAY CONTEST

WHO CAN ENTER

Students studying any aspect of ant biology

DEADLINE

Sept 1, 2012

PRIZES

Best essay \$500, Honorable mentions featured at www.schoolofants.org



People are hungry to know more about ants, how they live, where they live, what they are doing in your kitchen and in your garden. Who better to explain what these amazing ants are up to than you, the scientist studying them? So go ahead and tell us (and the world) about the coolest thing you've seen, read or studied about ants, and while you're at it, tell us about you and why you do what you do. Write this essay for the childhood version of you, so that another generation of kids will be inspired to look closely at ants, to understand them and appreciate the richness of life around us.



GUIDELINES: Showcase a feature of ant biology, evolution, diversity, behavior or another scientifically based topic (see examples below) for a general audience. Topic must be based on your research, your observations or the scientific literature. Writing should appeal to the non-scientific public and offer intriguing facts or perspectives on ants. 300 words min, 600 words max. Multiple essays per author permitted. Each submission must be in the form of an email to theschoolofants@gmail.com, subject header: ESSAY SUBMISSION, with the following attachments

- 1) 300-600 word essay (word doc)
- 2) short biosketch with your research interests & affiliation (word doc)
- 3) photo of you (jpg file, <1mb)
- 4) optional: photo illustrating essay topic

FOR EXAMPLE TOPICS visit www.schoolofants.org/about/essay