

THE 2009 TEXAS YOUTH INSTITUTE

Student Essay Format Requirements

TOPIC:

“National Responses to Food Insecurity.”

(Be sure to see attached “Introduction to the Issues” and instructions on “How to Develop Your Paper”.)

Each officially registered student is asked to prepare a paper, under the supervision of his or her teacher mentor, on this topic.

It is important for teacher mentors to carefully review student work and verify that all format requirements have been met before final submission.

Teacher mentors are encouraged to use the essay to enrich their curriculum by creating a class assignment and competition for Youth Institute involvement.

PAPER FORMAT REQUIREMENTS – MUST BE FOLLOWED:

Papers must include:

- **identification in the upper left-hand corner of the first essay page** which provides the paper title, name of student author, and high school
- **a bibliography page** of at least five sources, using the standards set by the Modern Language Association (MLA) (*Footnotes are not required for high school and undergraduate papers in the MLA format.*)
- **a body** of approximately 4-5 pages in length with **all*** of the following components:
 - ***(an introduction and conclusion**, each of which must be at least one-half page)
 - ***(word count** of approximately 2200 to 3500 words, excluding bibliography)

Page format requirements are as follows:

- Set one-inch page margins (top, bottom, left, right)
- Use eleven-point (11) font, Times New Roman
- Single-space text
- Indent each new paragraph
- Double-space between paragraphs

RESOURCES:

General research sources include scientific journals, web sites, reference books, interviews and organizations. Sample references are listed on the website at the following address:

http://www.worldfoodprize.org/assets/youthinstitute/09proceedings/2009_YI_sampleresources.pdf

SUBMISSION METHOD:

We require **an electronic version** of the essay be submitted **by email** to Julie Borlaug, the Texas Youth Institute Coordinator, at **jborlaug@ag.tamu.edu**. This will facilitate reproduction of the papers for distribution and review.

DEADLINE:

Essays must be received by the Texas Youth Institute Coordinator by **September 3, 2009** at 5:00pm.