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### **Call for Entries: The 2014 DuPont Challenge**

*Writing Competition Encourages Students to Think Critically about Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century*

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 30, 2013 – The 2014 DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition will be accepting entries beginning Nov. 15. In its 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the DuPont Challenge essay contest encourages students to consider how science and innovation can be used to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for food, energy and protection.

“Education is at the core of strong communities everywhere. A strong foundation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) encourages students to think critically about how scientific discovery, innovation and invention can be used to meet the needs of our society,” said [Benito Cachinero-Sánchez](#), senior vice president of DuPont Human Resources. “How to fulfill nutritional needs, increase available energy and protect people and the environment is what the scientists at DuPont strive to solve every day. The DuPont Challenge inspires students to examine these issues and become passionate about results as they explore potential solutions and share them through their essays.”

All students in grades 7-12 across the United States, Canada, and U.S. territories may submit their essay entries from Nov. 15, 2013, to Jan. 31, 2014. Students should address one of the four following categories in a 700–1,000-word essay:

- Together, we can **feed** the world.
- Together, we can build a secure **energy** future.
- Together, we can **protect** people and the environment.
- Together, we can be **innovative** anywhere.

Essays are evaluated in two divisions: Junior Division (grades 7, 8, and 9) and Senior Division (grades 10, 11, and 12). The DuPont Challenge offers more than \$100,000 in prizes and awards. The top three winners in each division plus a parent and their sponsoring teacher receive an expenses-paid trip to the Walt Disney World® Resort and an exclusive tour of the Kennedy Space Center in Orlando, Fla. In addition, winning students will receive a savings bond and sponsoring teachers will receive grants. All winners receive digital reference materials from Britannica Digital Learning and the NBC Learn Science Collection for both their personal use and for their entire school.

The winners of the 2013 DuPont Challenge researched, studied and experimented their way through global problems in order to come up with possible solutions. The topics they addressed included the following: (1) How can nanotechnology help diabetics? (2) What does synesthesia teach us about human memory? (3) How much energy can we really get from the sun? and (4) What can we do to protect rice crops around the world?

For more information, including official rules, entry form and details on awards, please visit [thechallenge.dupont.com](http://thechallenge.dupont.com).

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