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Call for Essays Student Writing Contest

Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas (NAPA) Conference Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the call for 2024 College and University Students' Essay Writing Contest for its 4th Biennial International Scientific Conference (<https://www.napaamericas.org/NAPA-conference-2024>). A full-time student enrolled in a college, including community or vocational college, and/or university around the globe pursuing a degree in agricultural or allied fields[‡] is eligible to participate.

Essay Topic: “Climate-smart and innovative agriculture to achieve sustainable, and resilient agri-food systems”

General guidelines:

- The essay should be written in English language.
- The essay must be author's original work and should be attested by inserting a statement[§] followed by author's full name.
- The essay should follow the standard academic essay structure and format that includes a concise abstract followed by an introduction with a thesis statement(s) along with logically organized body of supporting arguments using headings/sub-headings leading to a conclusion(s) and future perspectives.
- The essay can be developed based on student's own experience, online research, and scientific literature review.
- Appropriate credits must be given to the work of others through appropriate citation. The essay will be disqualified for the competition if any evidence of plagiarism is established. The committee strongly discourages plagiarism of any form and advises students to avoid engaging in such activity.
- The essay should include a complete list of references cited in the reference section. The references should be formatted using APA style (<http://www.apastyle.org/>), examples are available at the reference section of NAPAs' journal website: <https://gjaas.org/index.php/GJAAS/authorGuideline>.
- The essay should not exceed 3,000 words, excluding footnotes, tables, figures, and references. The texts should be formatted double-spaced, and 12-point Times New Roman font size. Margin should be 2.5 cm (1 inch) on all sides.
- The essay should have author's name, affiliated college and/or university, degree program, mailing address, and email ID. A proof of student status is required (e.g., student ID card with an expiration date or unofficial transcript or a letter from the college or university certifying the student's full-time status on or before the closing date).
- A pdf or word copy of the essay must be uploaded online at: <https://www.bit.ly/NAPA-SWC> The pdf or word file should be named “NAPA_2024_SWC_STUDENT FULL NAME_COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY NAME”. The deadline for submission is **December 31, 2023**
- Only one essay can be submitted per contestant.
- The results of the essay writing contest will be notified only to the winners prior to the conference.
- The first, second, and third place winners will be awarded with a certificate and cash prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100, respectively at the conference during May 24-26, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. Winners are encouraged (but not required) to be physically present at the award ceremony.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact **Dr. Bharat Pokharel, Chair, Student Writing Contest Subcommittee** at Bharat.Pokharel@gmail.com

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[§]By submitting this essay, I hereby attested that this is my own work and I have given the permission to NAPA to review and publish all or part of the essay in their newsletters/proceedings/website, where I will be given the credit for my work. It applies whether or not I win the NAPA's 2024 essay writing competition.