

NATA YOUNG SCIENTISTS OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2018

The annual NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award competition is now open!

Students from primary schools across Australia can enter for a chance to win cash prizes!!

Entries close on Friday 28 September 2018

About the award

The NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award started in 2007 to foster an interest in science among schoolchildren, and in response to concerns that Australia's scientific expertise is in decline. The competition encourages students to think about what science is and examine how it impacts on people's everyday lives.

Students from primary schools across Australia are invited to enter the competition to win cash prizes.

This year's theme of '**Medical Science – Towards 2050**' should give students plenty of scope for their entries. They would be required to undertake a science project or investigation based around medical science. This could involve examining breakthroughs and what medical research is happening now and consider exciting developments the future may hold.

The aims and purpose of the competition are:

- to promote to children the benefits and value of science
- to provide students with the opportunity to participate in science on a national platform
- to encourage students to apply their creativity to scientific solutions
- to demonstrate the importance of good presentation skills in science.

The Competition Rules

Entry to the NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award is **free** and open to individuals and class groups in **primary schools** across Australia.

There are three age groups eligible for this competition (birthdays as at 30 June 2018) from primary schools: 7 & 8 year olds; 9 & 10 year olds and 11 & 12 year olds.

This year's theme is '**Medical Science – Towards 2050**'. Students are required to undertake an investigation around any topic relating to the theme of medical science both now and in the future.

There are plenty of resources online around this theme.

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All submitted materials must be wholly designed and produced by the entrant(s).

There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted to the Award from one school.

The entries will be judged by a team of scientists from a range of disciplines.

The judges' decision will be final.

Each entry MUST be accompanied by an entry form downloaded from the NATA website and the student name(s) clearly written on the entry form. Please note that each student who enters will receive a certificate so it's important to ensure that student names can be clearly read.

Each submission should contain a title, a written element and a visual element.

Submissions should include a written summary of no more than one A4 page which gives an overview of the topic of investigation and why they chose it.

For the visual element, entrants could submit their projects in any form, such as:

- Pictures and words in a scrapbook
- A video or DVD presentation (**maximum five minutes**)
- Computer graphics or other digital media
- Poster 841mm x 591mm in landscape or portrait

Entry

Entries should be sent to Diane Lyons, NYSYA 2018, PO Box 7507, Silverwater NSW 2128 for receipt no later than **Friday 28 September 2018**.

The entries MUST be accompanied by an official NATA entry form, which can be downloaded from the NATA website.

All entries will be acknowledged by email once received by NATA.

At the conclusion of the competition, all entrants will receive a certificate.

NATA cannot accept any responsibility for postal costs or damage to submitted entries.

Entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

Announcement of the winners

Winners will be informed by telephone to the contact shown on the entry form, usually a teacher or Principal. The names of the winners will be posted on the NATA website and announced to national, regional and local media. NATA will liaise fully with winning schools prior to any announcement to the media.

No names, addresses or other information connected to the school or its pupils will be disclosed to media without prior consent of the school. NATA will seek to provide full cooperation with the schools, if required, in handling media enquiries.

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Winning schools (with permission of their Department's media unit) may like to use award results to promote themselves to the local media.

As well as raising the profile of individual schools, publicity of this nature provides an opportunity to highlight the practical and fun side of science.

Prizes

Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges.

The top ten in **each age group** will be selected and the following prizes awarded:

\$2,500 to the winner's school
\$400 to the winning student or group
\$200 to the second finalist
\$200 to the third finalist
\$30 book voucher to the remaining seven finalists

Judges will also allocate Encouragement Awards in each age group.

The Awards Presentation

First prize cheques and certificates will be presented to the winning schools at an appropriate school event. NATA will liaise directly with the winning schools to determine when this will take place.

Enquiries

For any enquiries about the NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award, please contact Diane Lyons, Administration and Promotions Officer on (02) 9736 8255 or email dlyons@nata.com.au

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