

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual European DNA Day Essay and Video Contest for High School Students

## Prémio Dia do DNA 2018 | European DNA Day Essay Contest 2018

### Datas importantes:

- 6 Novembro 2017– abertura das submissões
- 25 Abril 2018 – último dia para submissões
- 25 Abril 2018– DIA DO DNA
- Final de Maio/Princípio de Junho – serão anunciados os vencedores

## Welcome to all students and teachers!

### What is the DNA DAY Essay Contest?

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The structure of the DNA double helix was unraveled over sixty years ago! DNA Day, April 25, is now commemorated internationally as a celebration of Genetics and its promises. For the eighth year, the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG), will be sponsoring a DNA Day Essay contest in European high schools. Once again we will partner with the American Society of Human Genetics in this initiative; using similar essay questions, thus allowing a better assessment of knowledge and perspectives on genetics among students from both continents.

The essay contest is meant as a learning tool and a means to promote knowledge of genetics within Europe. It intends to challenge students to examine, question and reflect on the importance and social implications of genetic research and its applications. Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments indicative of a depth of understanding of the issues addressed by the selected essay question.

### Topic 2018

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**'Comment critically on the proper role (if any) of genetic testing in sport.'**

*Apart from describing immediate problems, you may also confront the paradox that while we celebrate the fact that a world champion athlete is one person in several billion, we disqualify them as soon as we discover why they are so exceptional.*

### Two Formats of Submission

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- **Written essay** (max 750 words)
- **New: 3 minute video**

## ***Prizes***

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### **First Place Winner: EUR 300**

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive **EUR 1.000** to organise a science project.

### **Second Place Winner: EUR 200**

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive **EUR 800** to organise a science project.

### **Third Place Winner: EUR 100**

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive **EUR 500** to organise a science project.

All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the contest.

## ***Special Dates***

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<b>November 8</b>	Submissions opens
<b>April 25</b>	Deadline for the submission to the European Society of Human Genetics
<b>April 25</b>	DNA DAY
<b>End of May/Beginning of June</b>	Essay contest winners will be announced