## VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Competition

The second annual VIN Foundation *Solutions for the Profession* Competition is open to all students currently enrolled in veterinary school.

Three entrants will win scholarships to help support tuition and education related expenses:

- First place: \$3,000
- Second place: \$1,500
- Third place: \$1,000

## 2017 Essay Topic:

Now that you are in veterinary school, what do you wish you had known prior to applying to or entering the program?

Word limit: 1,000 words.

All essays must be submitted in English.

## Please address the following areas in your essay:

Are there issues you wish you'd been more informed about before applying to or entering school? What could veterinary schools do to better inform prospective students about these issues or decisions?

How does your school measure up in helping students understand the realities of veterinary medicine? What programs do they offer? What do you think they could do better?

The VIN Foundation will potentially publish each essay submitted or a portion thereof within the confines of our mission. Any publication of essays will be attributed to the author. Please see the <u>terms & conditions</u> for further information.

**Judging** will be based on how well the essay describes the problem, along with the originality and practicality of the solution(s) offered.

The judging will take place in two rounds. Each essay will be read by at least three evaluators in each round. The panel for round one is composed of both veterinarians and related professional readers. The second round will be judged by veterinarians with insight into the relevant issues discussed in the essays. Winners will be chosen based on the combined scores of phase one and phase two.

Entry deadline: February 7, 2018.

Essays should be submitted online. One entry per student.

Additional information may be found on the VIN Foundation website.



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