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VIN Foundation *Solutions for the Profession* Competition 3rd Annual

The third 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

2019 Essay Topic:

(All three parts below must be covered in the essay submission)

Please describe the current state of practice consolidation (mergers and acquisitions) in the veterinary profession. What are the positive and negative aspects of this consolidation? How do you see this affecting you and the profession, now and in the future?

Word limit: 1,000 words (references not included).

All essays must be submitted in English.

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 [terms & conditions](#) 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 three rounds. Each essay will be read by at least three evaluators in each round. The panel for round one is composed of the VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Committee made up 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. The third round will be judged by leaders in the veterinary profession.

Competition timeframe:

Competition opens: November 15, 2018

Competition closes: January 27, 2019 - 12pm midnight ET

Winners announced: April 30, 2019

Essays must be [submitted online](#). One entry per student.

Additional information may be found on the [VIN Foundation website](#).