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VIN Foundation *Solutions for the Profession* Competition 4th Annual

The fourth 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

2020 Essay Topic:

Is the veterinary school education you are receiving effective, efficient, and relevant to your career goals?

Things to consider when writing your essay:

- *Do you think your time and money are being used wisely?*
- *Do you wish for a broader or a more focused education?*
- *What is your school doing right?*
- *What could be improved?*

Word limit: 1,000 words (not including references or titles)

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 your essay describes your assessment of your education, along with the originality and practicality of the suggestion(s) and/or solution(s) for improvement 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: October 15, 2019

Competition closes: Sunday, January 12, 2020 11:59pm PT

Winners announced: April 30, 2020

Essays must be **submitted online**. One entry per student.

Additional information may be found on the **VIN Foundation website**.