

**VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Competition
5th 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

2021 Essay Topic:

Diversity in the veterinary profession.

Please cover at least one of the following aspects in your essay submission:

- *What diversity challenges are currently faced by the profession, and what can be done to improve the situation?*
- *What steps is your veterinary school taking to address diversity challenges, and what solutions do you think would improve the situation?*

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: November 13, 2020

Competition closes: Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:59pm PT

Winners announced: April 30, 2021

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

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