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## **NPG Scholarship Contest**

Entries must be received by April 24, 2009

Entries postmarked prior to due date, but received after deadline, will NOT be accepted

Winners will be announced on NPG's website by July 15, 2009

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Write a letter to your Congressional Representative explaining that the United States simply has TOO MANY PEOPLE. Ask him/her to work to reverse this problem by helping to create a U.S. Commission on Population Growth. Cite specific areas you feel the Commission should evaluate, and give examples of what can be done to achieve the goal of reducing U.S. population.

Your letter must be formatted as a formal letter to your hometown Congressional Representative. Formatting guidelines can be found on NPG's website. To find your Congressional Representative's contact information, please visit [www.npg.org](http://www.npg.org). At the completion of the Scholarship Contest, your letter may be forwarded to your Congressional Representative.

The NPG Scholarship Committee will select three (3) winning letters. Letters will be judged on quality of writing, originality, and evidence of critical thinking. All decisions are within the discretion of NPG scholarship judges and all decisions are final. All scholarships will be paid directly to the college or university to be applied to the account of the winner.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
2. Applicant must be a senior in high school or a college freshman, sophomore or junior in an undergraduate program.
3. Applicant must be attending a school within the United States, or operated overseas by the U.S. government.
4. Applicant must write an original letter and **MUST** submit **TWO COPIES** of the same letter.
5. The letter should be between 500 and 750 words, written in English, word-processed or typed double-spaced, one side only, in black ink on 8.5x11 inch white paper, and use Times Roman or Arial font size 12-14 points. E-mailed or faxed essays will not be accepted.
6. Applicant must sign and date the enclosed application. Parent or Guardian signature is also required for applicants under 18.
7. Relatives of employees or directors of NPG are not eligible. Not valid where prohibited.
8. **All Entries must be received by April 24, 2009. Those postmarked prior to due date, but received after deadline will NOT be accepted. Remember, you MUST submit TWO copies of your letter.**
9. **All entries must be sent to NPG • PO Box 1265 • Teaneck, NJ 07666**

NPG is a non-profit educational organization headquartered in Alexandria, VA.

For more information, visit our website at **[www.NPG.org](http://www.NPG.org)**

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be attending school in the fall of 2009\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 2009 School Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You will need to provide evidence of current enrollment or acceptance for the Fall 2009 term prior to payment of the scholarship to the school.

I have read the rules of the NPG Scholarship Contest (see above) and hereby agree to them. I understand NPG is not responsible for late or lost letters. I have enclosed two copies of my letter. Entries will not be returned, and all entries become the property of NPG. All decisions are within the discretion of the NPG Scholarship judges and all decisions are final. Applicants grant NPG full rights to use their name and letter for promotional or other purposes. The attached letter (two copies enclosed) is original, entirely my own work, and not offered for publication elsewhere.

Author's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if author under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: NPG Scholarship Contest • PO Box 1265 • Teaneck, NJ 07666**