

## American Iris Society 2024 Ackerman Essay Contest

The American Iris Society 2024 AIS/Japanese National Iris Convention is on June 26-29 in Portland, OR! This is where you will be recognized, receive your money, and a certificate for a 2024 iris introduction if you win in the essay contest! The deadline will be June 10, 2024. I am giving you as much time as I can. Make it a creative writing but be sure you give lots of facts for your bestie. Before you turn it in, get your Mom, Dad, Sister, Aunt, Teacher, or anyone to read it over after you write your first draft, and help you think about how to add to it or make it have more details. Remember to get someone to check your grammar and spelling.

There are three age group competition categories, thus awarding three 1st, three 2nd, and three 3rd place prizes: one in each age group! The age groups are **9 and Under, 10-12, and 13 and Over**. All three age groups will receive a \$100 Reward for First Place, \$50 Reward for Second Place, and \$25 Reward for Third Place (courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation). Winners will also receive a new 2024 iris from one of our wonderful hybridizers. And of course, there are just a couple of other easy rules:

Essays should be written in **500 words or less**. The deadline for getting the essay finished and submitted to me is **June 10, 2024**.

If you write for the contest, on June 29, 2024 you might be up front at the final convention banquet in Portland accepting your certificate, money, and a coupon for a 2024 iris! So, get started NOW, don't wait, get it finished and sent in. I can't wait to read about the knowledge that you share with your new friend.

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