

**Science Essay  
Contest for  
Michiana  
Students!**

# National DNA Day

## April 25, 2016

In honor of DNA Day the DNA Learning Center is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DNA Essay Contest open to all Michiana students, elementary through high school!

- Pick one topic below and write a paragraph (or two) *No more than 500 words*
- References are encouraged, but not required
- Please include your name, grade and school on your essay
- Submit via email to [DNAday425@yahoo.com](mailto:DNAday425@yahoo.com)
- Deadline for submission is April 15, 2016

Rules

TOPICS

Pick a trait and explain how both genetics and the environment affect that trait.

Pick a gene and describe what it does, how it was discovered, and why it is important.

Genetics helps us understand why all organisms are different. Pick one behavior (for either humans or animals) and explain how it is similar and different across different individuals.

*\*\*This topic is only available for students grades 5 and below.*

- Outstanding essays will be selected at the elementary, middle school, and high school level and will receive a \$20 Cinemark movie gift card!
- Winners will be notified April 22 and announced on [DNAcenter.nd.edu](http://DNAcenter.nd.edu) on April 25

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