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\$500 FOR 500 WORDS

SCIENCE ESSAY CONTEST

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References to science – both accurate and otherwise – permeate popular culture. Do you know the difference?

MichiganScience will award a scholarship prize of \$500 to the student (in grades six through 12) whose 500-word essay best explores a scientific fact or exposes a scientific fallacy in a book, movie, song or other pop culture medium. For example:

Pop band Green Day warns its fans, "[I]f we don't take action now to slow global warming then the polar ice cap will be completely gone in 35 years." *True or false?*

The criminologists on "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" routinely employ "anaglyphics," "autoradiography" and a host of other laboratory tricks to finger the bad guys. *Real or fantasy?*

Star Trek, Star Wars and most every other deep space odyssey features rocket engines that roar in space. *Correct or incorrect?*

Show us what you know! Win a scholarship and prizes.

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Students: Send the contact information listed below and your essay, in either an email or a Word document to walker@mackinac.org by the end of the day Friday, June 1, 2007.

If you prefer, mail a copy of your entry information and essay to 140 W Main St., Midland, MI 48640. Visit MichiganScienceOnline.org for updated information.

Required Information:

Contestant's name

Street address

State

Zip

Home phone

Email address

School

Grade

Age

Name of teacher who told you about this contest

Parent or legal guardian name and signature

All essays must be original, legible and no more than 500 words in length. Each entry must include either this submission form or the information requested above sent via email. The deadline for entries is June 1, 2007. Winners will be announced August 1, 2007. The winning essay will be published in the Fall 2007 issue of MichiganScience. All contact information collected will be used solely to notify winners and verify entry status. MichiganScience does not sell addresses nor use any information collected for any purpose other than to contact winning students and their respective teachers. MichiganScience respects your privacy. Submission grants the right for MichiganScience for reprint the essay, name and photograph of winner.