



A program of: **psbr** Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research

6th-12th Grade

2026 Digital Media Contest

OPEN TO ALL PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE and WEST VIRGINIA STUDENTS: 6th- 12th GRADE
3 WINNERS - \$1,200 in Prizes

PURPOSE: To recognize students who **digitally** demonstrate a superior understanding of the connection between their life and biomedical research (including the need for animals in that research).

MEDIA TOPIC: "BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND MY LIFE"

Do you know someone who has benefited from vaccinations, pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, surgery, or transplants? How does animal research help advance medicine and science? How have these life-saving technologies been developed? How has biomedical research affected the health of your dog, cat, or other pet? You must demonstrate that you understand the topic and present it with originality and creativity, clearly presenting the benefits from biomedical research.

MEDIA COMPONENTS*: All entries **MUST** be a digital media (video, animation) and **MUST** be submitted in one of the following formats: .MOV; .MP4; .WMV; or .AVI

- 1) **Digital Media-** Students may work together in groups of 2-5 people or submit entries as individuals. No more than 5 people per group. The length of the media content should not exceed 3 minutes (180 seconds), *not* including the 5 second title screen and works cited screen (see below).

-All entries must begin with a 5-second full screen "title screen" that includes the following information:

- (A) Student(s) First Name(s) and Last Initial(s) (B) Student Grade(s) (C) School Name & School City, State, Zip
(D) Title of Media Piece (E) Total running time- excluding title screen & works cited screen

-All information presented must be cited on a 5-second full screen at the end of the video, giving credit to the original source(s). This does not count toward the 3-minute limit. Plagiarism of any kind will result in disqualification.

-No professional assistance is allowed. Adults may assist with production, but are limited to verbal guidance only. Adults are allowed to be actors or videographers, but not content contributors.

- 2) **Release Form-** All entries must include a "Digital Media Contest | Parent Permission Form" that can be found on our website. www.psbr.org> *Contests*> *Digital Media Contest*
- 3) **Actor Release Form-** All entries must include an "Actor Release Form" for every human participant who appears in the media submission. Forms can be found on our website.

* Please save your final document with your last name, underscore, first name. Ex: *Doe_Jane.mov*

* Please submit all 3 of these components in one email. Do *not* submit 3 separate emails.

SUBMISSION: Entries must be *emailed* by **11:59pm on March 8, 2026**

All media submissions must be emailed as an attachment or a link to download the video from an outside source, such as Dropbox. **Email to:** contests@psbr.org **Subject Line:** Digital Media Contest

JUDGING: A sample judging rubric is available on our website: www.psbr.org> *Contests*> *Digital Media Contest*

AWARDS: Group winners will split the prize evenly among participants.

FIRST place will be awarded \$500, **plus an invitation to awards event****

SECOND place will be awarded \$400, **plus an invitation to awards event****

THIRD place will be awarded \$300, **plus an invitation to awards event****

****The Annual Awards
Dinner will be held in
Hershey, PA on Friday,
June 19, 2026.**

RESOURCES: Reliable websites with background reference materials and PDFs for preparing an entry may be obtained on our website at www.psbr.org > *Resources* > *Biomedical Research Information*. Additional questions can be emailed to us at contests@psbr.org or by calling 717-731-3559.

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