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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**SCIENCE ESSAY WRITING CONTEST 2026 OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE  
AND ENGINEERING FAIR (NSEF)**

Attached is the letter from the NSEF, received January 6, 2026, announcing the conduct of the NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest 2026, with the deadline of submission of entries on February 20, 2026.

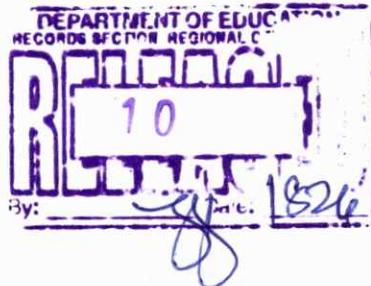
The target participants are high school learners and teachers.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

See the attached letter for more information.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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## NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest 2026



Dr. RONELO AL K FIRMO

Region No. VIII

Gov't. Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Subject: NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest 2026

Dear Dr. FIRMO,

Warm greetings.

The National Science and Engineering Fair (NSEF), in partnership with STEM Hub Global-Los Angeles, respectfully invites the Department of Education – Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices to support and allow the participation of learners in the NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest 2026.

In order to facilitate coordination, dissemination of official materials, and proper monitoring of participating schools, we kindly request your office to register through the official DepEd coordination form provided below.

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/mc9gCWymNeANK7Cd9>

Guidelines for the NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest 2026:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1pSzlsvejcoZNPDaAEac.../view...>

Contest Theme

“Leading with Science: How Evidence-Based Leadership Can Protect and Sustain Our Environment”

This theme supports DepEd's thrusts on science literacy, environmental education, climate action, and learner leadership development, enabling students to connect scientific knowledge with real-world societal challenges.

### **About the Contest**

The NSEF Science Essay Writing Contest is an academic writing competition under the National Science and Engineering Fair (NSEF). It aims to:

- Promote science communication and scientific journalism
- Encourage analytical and evidence-based writing
- Develop students' ability to explain scientific ideas clearly to a general audience
- Foster awareness of environmental, scientific, and societal issues
- Uphold academic integrity and ethical research practices

### **Eligibility**

- Open to Grades 6–12 (Middle School and High School)
- Public and private school students, homeschoolers, and international students
- Individual entries only

### **Request for DepEd Support**

We respectfully request your office to:

- Register using the official link above
- Circulate this invitation and program guidelines to schools under your jurisdiction
- Encourage participation through science, English, research, or journalism teachers
- Allow student participation as an academic enrichment activity, with no disruption to regular classes

Schools may conduct internal mentoring or screening at their discretion.

### **Academic Integrity and Quality Assurance**

NSEF strictly enforces:

- Originality of student work
- Proper citation using APA format
- Plagiarism screening
- Blind judging by qualified evaluators

These measures ensure alignment with DepEd standards on fairness, transparency, and academic excellence.

## Awards and Recognition

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Essay Awards
- Best Science Communication Award
- Outstanding Essay on Societal Impact
- Digital certificates for all qualified participants
- Selected essays may be featured in NSEF publications and partner platforms

## Key Dates

- Call for Entries: December 30, 2025
- Submission Deadline: February 20, 2026
- Winner Notification: March 5, 2026
- Announcement of Winners: March 10, 2026

We sincerely hope for the support of the Department of Education in allowing learners to participate in this initiative, which promotes scientific thinking, responsible leadership, and environmental stewardship among Filipino youth.

Thank you very much for your continued commitment to educational excellence.

Respectfully yours,

**DR. JOSEPH JACOB**  
National Science and Engineering Fair (NSEF)  
Organizing Committee  
In partnership with STEM Hub Global Hub-Los Angeles