

## GA FPSP SCENARIO WRITING COMPONENT RULES

A scenario is a story that might take place as a logical outgrowth of actions or events that took place earlier. It is a prediction of the future and is written as though the future were the present. An FPSPI scenario is a story in which one possible outcome of the future is developed through character(s) and plot.

### RULES FOR SCENARIO WRITING

1. Scenarios submitted to the International Scenario Writing Competition are limited to 1,500 words, excluding the words in the title. Verification of the word count is made on the writer's word processing program and noted on the scenario writing information sheet. All scenarios will be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (Not PDF) or .txt, so a word count check can easily be performed if necessary.
2. The scenario is set at least 20 years in the future. Futuristic concepts and trends are incorporated into the scenario, but a specific date is not required.
3. The scenario must have a recognizable relationship to one of the FPSPI topics used by the affiliate for the calendar year of 2009-2010.
  - Sensory Overload
  - Invasive Species
  - Orphaned Children
  - Food Distribution
  - Green Living
4. **The scenario is typed, double-spaced (on 8 1/2" x 11" or A4 paper) in 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font.**
5. **The scenario title is provided on the first page of scenario text, on the scenario writing component coversheet, and on the scenario writer information sheet.**
6. The appropriate scenario writing coversheet and the appropriate scenario writer information sheet are completed and attached to the scenario.
7. The 'Right to Publish and Statement of Authenticity' form is completed and submitted with the scenario.
8. The author's name or school should not be included on any sheet except the scenario writing component coversheet. Scenarios are coded and the coversheet is removed so that evaluators have no knowledge of whose scenario they score.
9. Two copies (the original plus one copy) of each scenario, including the completed scenario writing component cover sheet and the scenario writer information sheet, must be submitted to Georgia FPSP by the *January 26, 2010*, submission deadline. **An electronic copy in Microsoft Word or .txt format of your scenario must be submitted with the hard copies via CD or e-mail attachment.**
10. The top scenarios in each division of the GA FPSP may be eligible for submission to the International Scenario Writing Competition. **Submissions to the International Office must be accompanied by an electronic copy (Microsoft Word or .txt file) on a CD or sent electronically to the FPSPI office, along with the original scenario. PDF versions will not be accepted.**

### THE FPSP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (IC)

- The 2010 Future Problem Solving Program International Conference is June 10 – 13 at University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, hosted by Minnesota FPSP.
- Scenario writers are invited to participate in the 2010 IC based upon the best performance: 1st place scenario writers at the affiliate level, and 1st through 5th place international winners. Competitors must finance their expenses to IC. The per-person registration fee for IC covers room, board, and registration, as published in March. Total costs for IC are approximately \$475-\$500 per person, plus travel expenses.
- Each participant attending IC must be accompanied by an adult chaperone, who assumes all responsibility for the conduct and well being of the participants.