

2023 AIS Foundation Ackerman Youth Essay Winners

You just moved into a new home that has no iris. You decide to plant an iris garden with iris that are only two colors. They can be blends or shades of these colors. What two colors would you chose? Why would you choose to plant these colors? Choose companion plants and/or garden art to go in your bed. List a few names of the iris you would like to plant and list some of the companion plants you would use. Maybe describe what design or shape the bed(s) would be.

| Place | Name | Region | Title | Awards |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--------|
| 9 & Under | | | | |
| 1 | Sammy Long | 14 | My Heart-Shaped Garden of Love And Butterflies | \$100 |
| 2 | Wyatt Willis | 7 | Plant A New Iris Garden | \$50 |
| 3 | Rachel Martin | 18 | My Garden Diary | \$25 |
| 10 - 12 | | | | |
| 1 | Ariel Barker | 14 | My Iris Garden | \$100 |
| 2 | Lily Young | 7 | Teepee In The Middle | \$50 |
| 3 | Benjamin Wilson | 15 | I Did This! | \$25 |
| 13 & Over | | | | |
| 1 | Ellie Ferrin | 22 | Untitled | \$100 |
| 2 | Jackson R. Hancock | 3 | A New Masterpiece of Iris | \$50 |
| 3 | Sabrina Anderson | 14 | My Blue And Yellow Oasis | \$25 |
| 3 | Sarah Wheeler | 20 | A New House | \$25 |

All winners, 1st – 3rd receive a 2023 Howie Dash iris introduction, courtesy of Howie Dash and Picacho Mountain Iris!

