

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.



Name	Region	Title	Awards
9 & Under			
Sammy Long	14	My Heart-Shaped Garden of Love And Butterflies	\$100
Wyatt Willis	7	Plant A New Iris Garden	\$50
Rachel Martin	18	My Garden Diary	\$25
10 - 12			
Ariel Barker	14	My Iris Garden	\$100
Lily Young	7	Teepee In The Middle	\$50
Benjamin Wilson	15	l Did This!	\$25
13 & Over			
Ellie Ferrin	22	Untitled	\$100
Jackson R. Hancock	3	A New Masterpiece of Iris	\$50
Sabrina Anderson	14	My Blue And Yellow Oasis	\$25
Sarah Wheeler	20	A New House	\$25
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All winners, 1st – 3rd receive a 2023 Howie Dash iris introduction, courtesy of Howie Dash and Picacho Mountain Iris!