

# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
DECEMBER 2021



Left: PPII (Topic: Building Green) is due Dec. 10.  
Right: QP (Topic: Insects) is due Feb 3.

Hello,

With only 10 days until PPII is due, please check out the video above on Building Green. It is quite informative and references the Bullitt Center in Seattle as one of the most energy efficient buildings in the world. It also goes into some detail about how fungus can potentially be used in new building processes.

The second video is focused on the Qualifying Problem topic, Insects, and is a simple overview of how important insects are to our environment and what we can do to make people more aware of their impact on the world's continued survival.

If you have a student who is writing or performing a scenario, this December is a great time to have him/her really work on developing the story and the characters. Having a believable character as your protagonist always strengthens the connection between the writer and the audience.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP INFO COMING SOON

In June, the WAFPS Board of Directors created a Scholarship Fund, which will be funded through donations and from profits received from the State Bowl T-shirt sale each year. A committee was also formed to create the application process for the scholarships.

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please write checks to WAFPS and designate “Scholarship Fund” in the Memo section of your check. Please send checks to:

WAFPS  
c/o John Buissink  
817 W Basalt Ridge Drive  
Spokane, WA 99224

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More information about the Scholarship selection process and how to apply as a graduating 2022 senior will be coming soon!



## SCENARIO PERFORMANCE

Do you have a student who loves speaking in front of the class? In Scenario Performance, students choose the FPS annual topic that interests them as they project 20 years into the future and create a futuristic story. This story is not written out in full; it is “told” and should be more “natural” and “spontaneous” in nature. Performances should be creative and entertaining to an audience.

This oral activity for individuals encourages students to enlarge ideas, enrich personal style, and predict accurate images of the future. Students are challenged to create a story that lasts up to 5 minutes, is set 20-30 years in the future, and arises from any one of the topics set in the FPS year.

Washington FPSers consistently rank as some of the top scenario performers in the world. The YouTube links of our top finishers in the 2021 State Bowl can be viewed on the [WAFPS website](#). When they performed a newly created scenario for the International Conference, these students placed as follows: William Yoon (Odlle) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Division. In the Middle Division, Sidhya Ganesh (Interlake) placed 1<sup>st</sup>; Tanya Bhandari (North Creek) placed 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Edmunda Li (Odlle) placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. These performances are outstanding examples of what Scenario Performance is.

## TIPS FOR WRITING EFFECTIVE SCENARIOS

Coaches, do you have a student who loves to write? Scenario Writing is a fantastic way to keep that student involved and writing, maybe even during the Holidays! Here are some tips for Scenario Writing participants:

- 1.** Grab your Reader: To write an effective scenario you first must capture your reader's attention immediately. If you don't force the reader to want to read your story in the first few sentences, you have not done your job. If you have spent 500 words leading up to the main event, rethink your story, start again and begin your scenario right where the first important encounter occurs.
- 2.** Create Relevant Characters: Make your scenarios as real as possible. A scenario is essentially a story with characters and situations. Allow your reader to feel an emotional connection to the protagonist as the story develops.
- 3.** Create a logical connection to the topic: A well-written scenario should allow the reader to feel that the story fits into one of the annual topics. A scenario usually poses problem situations for the protagonist to respond to. Thus, an effective scenario leads the reader to believe that the protagonist has the necessary skills to overcome the situation you have created.
- 4.** Think futuristically: A scenario will only work if it doesn't feel like it is happening today. Think about how your character is reacting to the situation and say to yourself, "Could this happen now?" or "What could I change so this is less likely to sound like it could happen today?"
- 5.** Use Informal and Conversational Language: It is generally a good idea to use conversational and informal language while writing scenarios. Learners can easily relate to the conversational style and find it easier to engage with the story.
- 6.** Use Interesting Interactivities: Another useful tip to make the scenarios interesting and effective is to use as many interactivities as possible. Don't tell what happened to the protagonist, describe how he/she feels as it happens. Don't say the walls were ugly, describe how they feel or smell as the characters interact with them.
- 7.** Make the ending spectacular: leave the reader feeling exhausted or exhilarated after the character has survived your scenario. Is your character emotionally drained? Do you feel that the protagonist really became involved in the action?
- 8.** Use vivid vocabulary: As you edit your story, look at each word or sentence and decide if every word is essential. Take out redundant phrases. Add rich emotional words and phrases. Take out any phrases that do not enhance the story.
- 9.** Edit your story. Then edit it again. Leave it for 24 hours and then edit it again.

## 2021-22 REGISTRATION FEES

Final date to registration for the 2021-22 Competitions is December 31

GIPS Teams \$180

GIPS Individual \$130

Scenario Writing \$65

Scenario Performance \$65

CmPS Individual \$135

CmPS Team \$140 for a two-person team, and \$12 for each additional team member over the first two students.

Continuation of a CmPS Project from prior year \$25

Register online at [wafps.org](http://wafps.org).

## Important Dates

Dec. 6: Last day to register & be evaluated for PPII

Dec. 10: PPII Due Date, Topic: Building Green

Jan. 18: Scenario Writing Due Date

Feb. 3: QP Due Date, Topic: Insects

Feb. 7: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 18: CmPS Projects Due

March 7: State Bowl Registration Due

March 24: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Mining

June 8-12: 2022 International Conference, Topic tba



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

I hope that you are able to enjoy a wonderful, festive December and that you have an opportunity to refresh, revitalize and renew during your winter break.

Please send your ideas/suggestions for information that you would like in this newsletter to my email.

**Thank you** to our WAFPS evaluators! WAFPS has a group of dedicated evaluators who generously give their time and expertise to our program. Their feedback is essential to our Washington FPSers, helping to guide them to the highest level of achievement that they are capable of.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me ([jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com](mailto:jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com)) any time you have questions.

Next Up in January: **Qualifying Problem guidelines and more...**

***“We are of course a nation of differences. Those differences don't make us weak. They're the source of our strength.”— Jimmy Carter***