

2025 JF SMITHCORS VETERINARY STUDENT HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

*Because history has a lot to tell us
about our profession and ourselves*



Dr. J. Fred Smithcors (1920–2006), the founder of AVMHS, was widely considered the “Dean of American Veterinary Historians.” The AVMHS Veterinary Student History Essay Contest was established in 1991 in honor of Dr. Smithcors’ pioneering interest in teaching veterinary students about the history of their profession.

All veterinary students enrolled in an AVMA-accredited veterinary school and who are citizens of the United States or Canada are eligible.

ENTRY DEADLINE: 5 June 2025

Monetary prizes are awarded for the top four essays:
\$1200, \$1000, \$800, and \$500
in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence



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