



9th Annual Essay Contest Cover Sheet

STUDENT NAME:

AGE: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

STUDENT EMAIL AND PHONE (necessary to contact winners):

PARENT SIGNATURE & CONTACT INFO: *(BOTH REQUIRED IF UNDER 18)*

Signature		Contact Number
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Submit Cover Sheet and Essay to 2021EssayContest@gmail.com

This contest is open to all high school students from grades 9-12. First Place winner of the contest will receive \$1,000 cash. Second Place winner will receive \$300 and Third Place winner will receive \$100 cash. In addition, 14 students will receive Honorable Mention awards and will each receive \$50 cash. Winners and parents/guardians/guests will be invited to a special awards ceremony where the top three essays and quotes from all honorable mention essays will be read.

Essay Contest Guidelines:

- ❖ Contest begins now and ends February 5, 2021.
- ❖ The essay must be a maximum of 750 words
 - Font: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: 12
 - Line Spacing: Single-spaced or 1.0
- ❖ The essay must answer ONE of the following prompts:
 1. Think about a social media personality who has had a positive impact on your life. What is it about this person that has helped you and how has the person's content made 2020 better for you?
 2. You meet your fairy Godmother and she tells you to wish for only 3 things. What would they be and why? You can't wish for more than 3 wishes :)
 3. What would you say and do if you were able to talk with animals?
 4. Name a song that you relate to and write about how it has affected your life or the way you think.

HELPFUL HINTS:

Reflect on what has been most meaningful to you during 2020 and how these moments have impacted who you are today. Many of these memories will be positive and others will be more difficult, but all of them can offer learning experiences that may be useful as you ponder your chosen essay prompt. These real-life stories will enhance your essay while offering a heart-felt reading experience to the judges.

2021 Essay Contest Rules

Please be sure to adhere to the following contest rules.

- ❖ The name or initials of the student are not to appear *anywhere* on the essay.
- ❖ All information requested on Page 1 - Coversheet (name, age, grade, email/phone, *parent signature and contact information, if under 18*) must be complete and submitted with the essay in order to be eligible for the contest.
- ❖ The essay prompt must appear as the title of your paper.
- ❖ Content must relate to essay topic and contain correct spelling and grammar. Keep in mind that the following 6 conventions of writing are important parts of the judging: idea(s), organization, voice, word choice, fluency and conventions= grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.
- ❖ Entries and Coversheet must be *emailed* to 2021EssayContest@gmail.com by 5pm on February 5, 2021.
- ❖ Entries received by mail must be postmarked by February 5, 2021 in order to be eligible for the contest.
 - Please mail entries to:
Fountain Hills Coalition
c/o Shelly Mowrey
16921 E. Palisades Blvd. #103
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Judging

Essays will be judged by members of the Fountain Hills community and score each essay based upon the contest rules.

Good Luck!!!!