



10th Annual Essay Contest Cover Sheet

January 2022

(Please write clearly)

STUDENT NAME: _____

AGE: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **TEACHER'S INITIALS:** _____

STUDENT EMAIL AND PHONE:

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

Signature

Contact telephone no.

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 and Third Place winners will receive \$300 and \$100 cash, respectively. In addition, 14 students will receive honorable mention and will each receive \$50 cash. Winners and two parents/guardians will be invited to a special awards luncheon on Thursday, March 3, where the top three essays and quotes from all honorable mention essays will be read. The winning essay is typically published verbatim in *The Fountain Hills Times*.

ESSAY GUIDELINES:

- ❖ Contest officially begins January 3 and ends February 4, 2022.
- ❖ The essay cannot exceed 750 words and must be typed in Times New Roman, font size #12 and single-spaced.
- ❖ The essay writer must answer ONE of the following prompts:
 1. Think about a teacher or other person who has had a positive influence on your life. What attributes did he or she possess and how have you changed because of that influence?
 2. We live in an often-stressful world, both globally and personally. What activities and actions do you engage in that bring you personal peace? In what way does this help?
 3. If you could go back in time and observe your parents at your age, would you? Why/why not? And if you do go back, what do you think you would see and learn from it?

(Contest Rules over →)

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

2022 Essay Contest Rules

Please be sure to adhere to the following contest rules. In the past, many essays have lacked requested information. Be sure to use the spell and grammar-check tools on your computer. If these rules are not followed your essay may be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the judges.

- ❖ The name or initials of the student are not to appear *anywhere* on the essay.
- ❖ All information requested on Page 1 (name, age, grade, email/phone, *parent signature and contact information if under 18*) must be complete and stapled to the essay to be eligible for contest.
- ❖ The essay prompt you chose 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: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, fluency and conventions = grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.
- ❖ Entries must be turned in to your English teacher at Fountain Hills High School by end of school day on Friday, February 4, 2022.
- ❖ Entries received by mail must be postmarked by February 2, 2022 to be eligible for the contest.

JUDGING: Essays will be blindly judged by community members per the essay contest rules.

Mailed entries should be sent to:

FH Coalition
c/o Mike Scharnow/Dan Kuchan CPA
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