

CIVIC PRIDE, Inc.

"Providing youth opportunities to develop the attitudes, behaviors, and leadership skills to become responsible citizens"

Civic Participation Essay Contest

Who is Eligible?

Bay Area Middle and High School Students in Grades 6 through 12

Essay Theme

'How can I make my community a better place to live, work and grow?'

Civic Pride, Inc. is a youth-centered volunteer nonprofit organization. It was founded in 1989 to provide Oakland and Alameda County youth the opportunity to develop the attitudes, behaviors and leadership skills to become responsible citizens. Over the years the agency expanded its scope of service, and designed the Civic Pride Five Pillars of Leadership and Responsible Citizenship™. They are:

Pillar #1: Character Development

Pillar #2: Civic Engagement

Pillar #3: Cultural Competency

Pillar #4: College Readiness

Pillar #5: Career Preparation

In addition, Civic Pride Inc. extended its service area to include youth who live outside Alameda County.

Directions for Middle School Students: Middle school students are to write a maximum 250 to 350 word essay about the benefits and reasons why volunteering in one's community is important, or how to make one's own community a better place to live, work and grow.

Directions for High School Students: High school students are to write a maximum 400 to 500 word essay about the benefits and reasons why volunteering in one's community is important, or how to make one's own community a better place to live, work and grow.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria: 1. Grade Level, 2. Adherence to Essay Guideline, 3. Content and, 4. Writing Conventions.

Format: All entries must be typed, double-spaced and in 12-pitch. Contestants are to put name, age, grade, and contact information at the top of the page, followed by the contest essay.

Prizes and Awards: Essay Contest winners MUST attend the 'Knowledge Is Power' Youth Leadership Conference where cash awards, prizes and certificates will be distributed. All contestants submitting a qualifying entry will receive his/her 'Certificate of Achievement' at the Conference.

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