

Peace Essay Contest 2022

Rules & Submission Directions

- 1 The Peace Essay Contest is open to all fifth through twelfth grade students who live in Stanislaus County or attend any public, private, or home school in Stanislaus County.
- 2 Submit one copy of your essay. Essays in Division I & II must be typewritten, double spaced. Essays in Divisions III & IV must be either typewritten or written in dark ink, double spaced, using one side of white paper 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Number pages consecutively. Essay must be of a quality to photocopy legibly. Name/identifying information should not be anywhere on or in the essay.
- 3 Give your essay a title. Place the title on the first page where you begin your essay. Do not use a separate title or cover page.
- 4 **IMPORTANT:** Place the word count at the end of your essay, before your bibliography.
- 5 Print & complete the Entry Form and staple to the front of your essay. Entry forms and instructions can be found at:
<http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com> OR www.stanislausconnections.org
- 6 Refer to your source for any quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge by placing the name of the source in parentheses in the text of your essay, AND by creating a bibliography listing the authors of books, location of articles or addresses of websites you used to get your information. Do not base your entire essay on one source. Suggestions about how to choose reliable internet sources and correctly cite them are included in the weebly essay web site mentioned above.
- 7 You must do your own work. However, you may ask a teacher, parent, or friend for constructive criticism.
- 8 The Modesto Peace/Life Center reserves the right to reprint entries. Entries will not be returned.
- 9 Entries may be delivered to the **NEW ADDRESS for the Modesto Peace/Life Center, 829 13th St., Modesto, from 2pm-5pm on November 17 - 19, 2021**. You may also mail all entries, postmarked no later than **November 19, 2021** to:

**2022 Peace Essay Contest
Modesto Peace/Life Center
P.O. Box 134, Modesto, CA 95353-0134**

JUDGING

**IMPORTANT: Essays that are 25 words under or over the directed word count will not be considered for judging.
(500 to 1000 words for Divisions I and II and 250 to 500 words for Divisions III and IV)**

A distinguished group of local writers, educators, and peacemakers will judge the essays. Judging guidelines (in order of weight) include:

1. **Content**
 - A. Does the essay clearly address the assigned topic?
 - B. Does the essay show that the student researched their category and/or specific area of concern?
 - C. Has the writer used relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations and examples to fully develop their ideas?
2. **Style**
 - A. Is the essay original and interesting?
 - B. Does the voice of the writer come through?
3. **Clarity of Expression**
 - A. Does the essay have a distinguishable introduction and conclusion? Is it well organized with clear transitions from one idea to the next?
 - B. Are the ideas clearly stated with factual support?
4. **Mechanics**
 - A. Has the writer attempted to use appropriate transitions, precise language, and an engaging style?
 - B. Are grammar, spelling, and punctuation reasonably correct?
 - C. Does the author cite all quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge? Is the source of information listed in the essay itself and in a bibliography at the end of the essay?

First, Second, and Third prizes will be awarded in each of the four divisions which have at least 15 entries. In the event that there are fewer than 15 entries in any one division, all prizes may or may not be awarded in that division at the discretion of the judging panel. Up to 3 Honorable Mentions may be awarded in each division. Group entries (more than one author) are welcome; however, a student may only enter one essay.

The writer of the best essay in a division from a school which has ten or more entries in that division will be honored as the school winner. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Notification of Winners

In February, 2022, winners will be notified through the student's teacher. Prizes will be presented at an Awards Reception on **April 1, 2022**. All participants, teachers, judges, and sponsors will be invited as guests of honor.

The 2022 Peace Essay Committee:

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