

Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence

TEEN ESSAY CONTEST



AWARDS & PRIZES

Winners will be notified on or before September 27th, 2016

1ST PLACE

\$250 Cash Prize

Certificate of Achievement
Recognition at NCADV
Meet Us at the Bridge Event

2ND PLACE

\$150 Cash Prize

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3RD PLACE

\$100 Cash Prize

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CONTEST RULES SUMMARY

QUALIFICATIONS: The contest is open to high school students in Davidson County schools for the 2016-2017 year.

ESSAY TOPIC: What are the social and economic impacts of Domestic Abuse?

LENGTH AND PRESENTATION: Essay must have a minimum of 300 words and no more than 500 words typed on 8.5 x 11 paper. Essay should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font and double-spaced. Essay must be the student's own work.

SUBMISSION: Essay entry may be mailed or submitted electronically, and MUST include the student's name, age, and grade on each page of the essay. Electronic submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. September 9, 2016 to nashvillecadv@gmail.com. Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 9th, 2016. Mail entries to: Tracy DeTomas, NCADV Essay Contest YWCA, 1608 Woodmont Blvd Nashville TN 37215. All entry submissions must be accompanied by the official form with signed paternal consent. Only one entry per student is permitted. Entries that are incomplete, contain unrelated information, plagiarized, or otherwise fail to comply with these official rules, will automatically be disqualified for contest consideration. Winners will be notified on or before September 27th, 2016.

JUDGING PROCESS: The essay contest will officially end September 23, 2016 at midnight. The judges will review all entries and submissions which comply with official rules and regulations, and select a first, second and third winning essay. Judges reserve the right to not make an award in any category. Entries will be evaluated based on adherence to instructions stated in the Contest Rules Summary and on the following criteria: Originality- 20%, Grammar, Spelling, and Neatness- 30%, Development of theme and clarity of expression- 50%.

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Please legibly complete this form in its entirety and submit it with contest essay.

Name of Contestant: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Principal/Teacher: _____

*I, _____, (parent/guardian of student) certify that _____ (student's name) has full permission to participate in the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2016 Essay Contest, and meets all eligibility criteria. Further, I grant permission for the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence use my child's photograph, likeness and/or name with any entry he/she submits in connection with any news releases, photographs, videos, television, news or other media coverage; website postings; interviews or other publicity activities related to this contest. I understand that my child's entry will become the property of Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which reserves the right to publish or use my child's submission in any way it deems appropriate, with the student-author identified. I also certify that the essay submitted by my child is his/her own work. Submitted material will only be used to further the mission and goals of Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, including, but not limited to, featuring the essay on Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence website, and putting them on a DVD for promotional distribution for the contest.

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

**All submissions must be received by September 9, 2016 at midnight.*

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