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Season for Nonviolence Essay Contest
Details - 2010

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Specific Directions for Entering the SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE ESSAY CONTEST - 2010

The World Health Organization (WHO) recognizes interpersonal violence in our communities and throughout the world as a major problem with costs in the United States estimated at \$300 billion per year. The cost to victims was estimated at more than \$500 billion per year. Combined, this is the equivalent to nearly 10% of our country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)(*The Economic Dimensions of Interpersonal Violence, WHO, 2004*). It is both a national and international challenge for people to resolve conflicts peacefully. It is this challenge that motivates the Citizens for Peace to sponsor this essay contest. We are happy to have you join us in this effort.

ELIGIBILITY: Michigan high school and college students.

CASH AWARDS: \$250, \$100, \$50 each for First, Second, and Third Place in both high school and college divisions.

DEADLINE: March 12, 2010

AWARD RECEPTION: April 13, 2010, 7:00 PM (winners posted by April 1 on blog)

THEME: **PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE**

FOCUS: Research violence in families, schools, or neighborhoods and how active nonviolent action promoted cooperation, understanding, and/or reconciliation.

FORMAT: The essay should be no more than 500 words typed, double spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper within the structure of the following four parts:

1. **Introduction:** Your rationale for your thesis statement.
2. **Body:** The body of your essay should develop your position and include a) description of the conflict, b) the nonviolent action, c) the barriers that existed, and d) the outcome or results.
3. **Conclusion:** Your conclusion is the result of the analysis of your research which supports your thesis and convinces the reader of your position. Include your personal reflection on how this conclusion has impacted your perspective on nonviolence as a pathway to peaceful relationships.
4. **Sources:** Include at least two sources from the Peace Bibliography. The titles can be viewed at the Peace Collection link on **Citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com**. In addition, all sources must be listed and credited using a standard citation method. "Encyclopedias" are not acceptable as sources. When using internet sources include author(s), title of work, internet address, and date information was accessed.

COVER PAGE: Complete the following Cover Page making sure that you and your parent/guardian sign (if age of student is under 18). Copy and attach the cover page to your essay before mailing.

QUESTIONS: Call 734-525-4326 or email arabdoo@earthlink.net

COVER PAGE

SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE ESSAY CONTEST

THEME: "PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE"

1. Please Print and attach a copy of this form to the front of your essay.
2. Signature of student required.
3. Signature of parent/guardian required. (If student is under 18)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL** _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME _____ **GRADE** _____

COLLEGE NAME _____ **LEVEL** _____

CITY WHERE SCHOOL IS LOCATED _____

TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR NAME _____

Please read the following and sign.

I am submitting an original essay to the Citizens for Peace essay contest, (title) _____, as they honor the Season for Nonviolence. I certify that this essay is my own work and that I have abided by all the guidelines and requirements of the contest. I understand that my essay will not be returned to me and will become the property of the Citizens for Peace to use at its discretion in activities related to the contest. I further understand that the judges' decisions are final and that if I am selected as a winner of the contest, I will be available for a photo for a press release.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Date** _____
(if student is under 18 years of age)

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