

Application for 2007-2008 Good Ethics Day Essay Contest

Name _____ M F

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone (____) _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Relationship _____

School Name _____

Please send application to address below

Official Topic: "What Good Ethics Means To Me"

Essay Contest Rules

Each contestant must be given a copy of the rules and complete the entry form. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.

Section I- General Rules

1. Contestants must enter through mail, drop off site or electronic entry.
2. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretative literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
3. Each contestant must be given a copy of the rules and must

complete the official application form.

4. AFCS will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II- Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to Middle School students, age 11-14. Students must reside in Brown County.
2. All contestants at each level of the contest must be willing furnish a birth certificate if asked.

Section III- Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official contest topic. The topic must be listed with the total

(Deduction of 2 points for lack of topic and 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit)

2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing: topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth. (Deduction of 5 points for incorrect total of words)
3. Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced. (Deduction of 5 points)
4. Essays must contain at least 400 words but no more than 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted, not including the title, bibliography or footnotes.
5. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with the first page of the essay.

6. Any quotations or copyrighted material used must be identified properly. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA) may be specified by the instructor overseeing the contest. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.

7. No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the student, parents, school, community, or AFCS affiliation. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)
8. An essay may be written in English.
9. The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.
10. Any protest in the conduct of any level contest must be made immediately. The Essay Contest

Chair will decide all protests in conformity with the official rules. The decision of the Contest Chair is final, and no higher appeals will be recognized.

Section IV- Judging and Timing

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of five qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants.
2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and first page of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essay bearing only the assigned number.
3. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged.
4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V- Scoring

Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.

1. Material Organization- logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to the topic: 40 points.
2. Vocabulary and Style- phrasing and continuity: 30 points.

3. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 20 points.
4. Neatness: 5 points.
5. Adherence to Contest Rules- prepared in the proper format: 5 points.

Section VI- Penalties

1. Failure to list official topic: 2 points.
2. Failure to identify total number of words: 5 points.
3. Failure to stay within the 400-500 word limit: 5 points per 25 words under/over limit.
4. Failure to type essay and double-space: 5 points.
5. Self-Identification: 5 points or fraction of based on degree of identification.

For more information contact:

Essay Contest Chairperson:

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Mail entries to:

**Essay Contest
AFCS
130 E. Walnut Street
Green Bay, WI 54301**

or

email entries to:

ethics@afscounseling.org

or

drop entries off at:

**Central Brown County Library
515 Pine St.
Green Bay, WI 54301**

Essay Contest winners will be recognized at the November 13, 2008 Ethics in Business Award luncheon.

