

# CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST GUIDELINES

## 2009—2010 THEME: “We Have Freedom Because...”

**GOAL:** To promote and encourage participation in becoming responsible citizens.

Using the theme provided, local units and councils are encouraged to conduct this contest at any time during the school year, but the **winning entries must be submitted to the State Office on or before March 1**. Each local unit and/or council may submit their three (3) best literature entries in each of the grade divisions.

**DIVISIONS:**

- 1 ó Preschool through Kindergarten
- 2 ó Grades 1 through 2
- 3 ó Grades 3 through 5
- 4 ó Grades 6 through 8
- 5 ó Grades 9 through 12
- 6 ó Special Education

### GUIDELINES:

1. All entries submitted shall be original work from one individual entrant and must represent the student's interpretation of the provided theme. **NO GROUP ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
2. Entrant must be enrolled in a PTA/PTSA school.
3. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by a Parent and/or Teacher verifying the original work of the student. The Citizenship Literature Contest Entry Form **must** be attached to the entry.
4. The student's name should be written on the back of each page, in case pages are separated.
5. Literature entries may be either hand written or typed (except Division 1) with the following written requirements:

Division 1 ó Preschool through Kindergarten*	25+ words (see guidelines)
Division 2 ó Grades 1 through 2	50+ words
Division 3 ó Grades 3 through 5	100+ words
Division 4 ó Grades 6 through 8	200+ words
Division 5 ó Grades 9 through 12	350+ words
Division 6 ó Special Education	50+ words

**\*Division 1 guidelines – Entries may be submitted on tape by the student.  
Tape recordings accepted in this division only.**

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## **CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST GUIDELINES (Continued)**

### **ASSISTANCE IN WRITING:**

- Students in Division 1 - Preschool and Kindergarten may record their entries.
- Students in Division 2 ó Grades 1 through 2 and Division 6 ó Special Education may dictate to another person who may type or write down the original work.
- Students in Divisions 3, 4 and 5 may have their entries typed by another person, as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.

**Transcribers are not to alter the grammar or form of speech of the student. ENTRIES MUST BE TRANSCRIBED IN ORIGINAL FORM!!!**

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

#### **A. Handwritten:**

- May be either pencil or ink and on standard, lined notebook paper written by the entrant and verified on the entry form. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SPIRAL NOTEBOOK PAPER.**
- Essays should have a space between each line of writing and should only be written on one side of the paper.
- Multiple page essays should be stapled together with each page numbered. The student's name **MUST** be written on the back of each page.
- Entry form should be attached to the front of the entry.

#### **B. Typed:**

- Essays typed by someone other than entrant must have original work attached and be verified on the entry form.
- Essay should be typed on 8 ½ x 11, white bond paper and double-spaced.
- Entry must be typed on one side only.
- Multiple page essays should be stapled with each page numbered. The student's name **MUST** be written on the back of each page.
- Entry forms should be attached to the front of the entry.

### **REMEMBER...**

**A CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY.**

**ENTRIES WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE FORM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING.**