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2017 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT

DEADLINE: February 1 to District Director
FAXES are not permitted

Additional Application Forms are available on the Virginia PTA website: www.vapta.org

Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor the 2017 Citizenship Essay Project, with the theme “*We the people...why vote?*” This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on character or citizenship. Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow’s leaders.

Who Can Enter?

All Virginia students in grades K – 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA units in Good Standing. A PTA in Good Standing is one who has paid state and national dues by December 1, and whose bylaws are current, having been revised within the past five (5) years. The Special Writer Division is non-graded and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

Criteria

- **Students in grades 9 – 12** must write a **minimum of 750** words, typed and double-spaced with Times New Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- **Students in grades 6 – 8** must write a **minimum of 500** words, typed and double-spaced with Times New Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- **Students in grades 3-5** may submit a **maximum of 250** words, typed or handwritten;
- **Students in grades K-2** may submit a **maximum of 100 words**, typed or handwritten.
- **Special Writers** may submit entries typed or handwritten.
- In all categories, adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought, and skill in standard written English will be judged.
- The theme **must** be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

Awards

Winners **in each age group** are notified in April and will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publications: The VOICE and website (www.vapta.org).

1st Place – \$250
2nd Place – \$125
3rd Place – \$50

Application

Applications for the Citizenship Essay Project can be found at the following locations:

- Virginia PTA website at www.vapta.org
- Contact Virginia PTA at info@vapta.org

Send essays and completed applications to your District Director for district judging. Contact the District Director for mailing information: <http://www.vapta.org/content/district-directors>. Districts without a District Director - forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attn: Citizenship Essay Chair, 1027 Wilmer Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

Questions: Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at info@vapta.org or (804)264-1234 or 866-4vakids.



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2017 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT

"We the people...why vote?"

Due to District Director by February 1

CATEGORY: (Please Select Only One)

SPECIAL WRITER GRADE K-2 GRADE 3-5 GRADE 6-8 GRADE 9-12

(Please print or type)

NAME GRADE

ADDRESS

E-MAIL ADDRESS PHONE

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL'S NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT

COUNCIL PTA DISTRICT PTA

We certify that this is the original work of the student. We also understand that, if selected, the essay will be published.

(Student's Signature)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

STATE AWARDS (Checks are made payable to the student):

1st PLACE: \$250

2nd PLACE: \$125

3rd PLACE: \$50

(For District Use Only - Deadline for District to Submit the District's Winner is March 1)

- I certify that this local unit is in good standing with Virginia PTA and meets all guidelines;
I certify that this entry is a district winner and is forwarded to Virginia PTA for judging.

(Number of Essays Judged on District Level)

(District Director's Signature)

City/County and Virginia PTA District Listing

City/County

Accomack County
 Albemarle County
 Alexandria City
 Allegheny County
 Amelia County
 Amherst County
 Appomattox County
 Arlington County
 Augusta County
 Bath County
 Bedford County
 Bland County
 Botetourt County
 Bristol City
 Brunswick County
 Buchanan County
 Buckingham County
 Buena Vista City
 Campbell County
 Caroline County
 Carroll County
 Charles City County
 Charlotte County
 Charlottesville City
 Chesapeake City
 Chesterfield County
 Clarke County
 Colonial Beach
 Colonial Heights City
 Covington City
 Craig County
 Culpeper County
 Cumberland County
 Danville City
 Dickenson County
 Dinwiddie County
 Essex
 Fairfax City/County
 Falls Church City
 Fauquier County
 Floyd County
 Fluvanna County
 Franklin City
 Franklin County
 Frederick County
 Fredericksburg City
 Galax City
 Giles County
 Gloucester County
 Goochland County
 Grayson County
 Greene County
 Greenville County
 Halifax County
 Hampton City
 Hanover County
 Harrisonburg City
 Henrico County
 Henry County
 Highland County
 Hopewell City
 Isle of Wight County
 James City County
 King & Queen County
 King George County
 King William County
 Lancaster County

District

Eastern Shore
 Blue Ridge
 Northern Virginia
 Natural Bridge
 Lynchburg
 Blue Ridge
 Lynchburg
 Northern Virginia
 Shenandoah
 Natural Bridge
 Roanoke
 Big Walker
 Natural Bridge
 Holston
 James River
 Big Walker
 Lynchburg
 Natural Bridge
 Lynchburg
 Fredericksburg
 Parkway
 Peninsula
 Lynchburg
 Blue Ridge
 Southeastern
 James River
 Hunt
 Fredericksburg
 James River
 Natural Bridge
 Roanoke
 Patriot
 Lynchburg
 Dan River
 Natural Tunnel
 James River
 Rappahannock Valley
 Northern Virginia
 Northern Virginia
 Patriot
 Parkway
 Blue Ridge
 Southeastern
 Roanoke
 Hunt
 Fredericksburg
 Parkway
 Parkway
 Rappahannock Valley
 Richmond
 Parkway
 Blue Ridge
 Southeastern
 Dan River
 Peninsula
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 Shenandoah
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 Dan River
 Shenandoah
 James River
 Southeastern
 Peninsula
 Rappahannock Valley
 Fredericksburg
 Rappahannock Valley
 Rappahannock Valley

City/County

Lee County
 Lexington City
 Loudoun County
 Louisa County
 Lunenburg County
 Lynchburg City
 Madison County
 Manassas City
 Manassas Park City
 Martinsville City
 Mathews County
 Mecklenburg County
 Middlesex County
 Montgomery County
 Nelson County
 New Kent County
 Newport News City
 Norfolk City
 Northampton County
 Northumberland County
 Norton City
 Nottoway County
 Orange County
 Page County
 Patrick County
 Petersburg City
 Pittsylvania County
 Poquoson City
 Portsmouth City
 Powhatan County
 Prince Edward County
 Prince George County
 Prince William County
 Pulaski County
 Radford City
 Rappahannock County
 Richmond City
 Richmond County
 Roanoke City
 Roanoke County
 Rockbridge County
 Rockingham County
 Russell County
 Salem City
 Scott County
 Shenandoah County
 Smythe County
 Southampton County
 Spotsylvania County
 Stafford County
 Staunton City
 Suffolk City
 Surry County
 Sussex County
 Tazewell County
 Virginia Beach City
 Warren County
 Washington County
 Waynesboro City
 Westmoreland County
 West Point
 Williamsburg City
 Winchester City
 Wise County
 Wythe County
 York County

District

Natural Tunnel
 Natural Bridge
 Hunt
 Blue Ridge
 Lynchburg
 Lynchburg
 Blue Ridge
 Patriot
 Patriot
 Dan River
 Rappahannock Valley
 Dan River
 Rappahannock Valley
 Parkway
 Blue Ridge
 Peninsula
 Peninsula
 Tidewater
 Eastern Shore
 Rappahannock Valley
 Natural Tunnel
 Lynchburg
 Fredericksburg
 Shenandoah
 Parkway
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