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Dear Educators & friends of Education,

The YWCA Wheeling is proud to announce the continuation and additions to our Project on Racism Contest, formerly known as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. We are continuing the essay portion of the contest; just adding a few more elements. Beginning this year, we are including a music/song contest, & a Five Minute Film contest along with the essays. The Project on Racism Contest still honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while encouraging students' creativity through essay writing, musical expression, and film. The YWCA Wheeling is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Attached is a packet explaining more in detail.

The 2018 Project on Racism Contest will be based on the following quote from Dr. King

"The question is not, 'If I stop to help these men in need, what will happen to me?' The question is, 'If I do not stop to help these men*, what will happen to them?' That's the question"

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - when discussing the sanitation worker's strike

Students are invited to submit their entries on or before Wednesday, November 1st, 2017. We hope you will consider incorporating our contest into your fall projects & curriculum. Since I am relatively new at this position, this is a new spin to the contest; I am expecting a little adjustment. Please free to contact me with any issues, concerns, and/or questions. Thank you on advance for your participation, patience, and consideration.

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2018 Project on Racism Contest Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

The 2018 Project on Racism Contest is open to any student in grades 1—12 attending public, private, parochial, or home school in the State of West Virginia; or any student under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/TASC program in the State of West Virginia. This year the Contest has expanded to include: Essays, Music, & 5 minute films.

The student does NOT have to be a U.S. citizen.

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Please submit your Contact Information Form along with your original work. Use a paper clip to attach the Contact Information Form to your medium. Do NOT staple your Contact Information Form to your medium.

There is no separate registration form.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

Entries may be submitted on or before **November 1st, 2017**. Each entry must include both an essay and a Contact Information Form. You will NOT receive acknowledgement of receipt.

Essays and Contact Information Forms may be submitted via e-mail, fax, U.S. Postal Service, or hand delivery. YWCA Wheeling is not responsible for entries not received due to network service outages or delays, computer difficulties, or any other technological malfunctions; or for entries that are lost, stolen, misdirected, late, ineligible, incomplete, or mutilated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Submit each entry only one time. Do NOT fax an entry multiple times. Do NOT fax and mail the same entry.

All entries submitted via e-mail must be received by midnight on **November 1st, 2017**. Please e-mail entries to cdcodirector@ywcawheeling.org and type “Essay/Music/Film submission” in the subject line.

All entries submitted via fax must be received by midnight on **November 1st, 2017**. Please fax entries to 304-232-0513 and write “Essay submission” as the recipient.

All entries submitted via U.S. Postal Service must be postmarked on or before **November 1st, 2017**. Please mail entries to: YWCA Wheeling, 1100 Chapline St, Wheeling, WV 26003, ATTN: Essay submission

All entries submitted via hand delivery must be received by 5:00 pm on **November 1st, 2017**. Please deliver entries to YWCA Wheeling first floor reception desk at the above address Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

2018 Project on Racism Contest Essay Competition

QUOTE

“The question is not, ‘If I stop to help these men in need, what will happen to me?’ The question is, ‘If I do not stop to help these men*, what will happen to them?’ That’s the question”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - when discussing the sanitation worker’s strike

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essays should not include any information that identifies the student, teacher, principal, or school. Any essay that includes identifying information will be automatically disqualified.

All essays will be photocopied for judges. Any essay that is illegible after photocopying will be automatically disqualified.

Essays should be a maximum of four (4) pages.

Essays may be handwritten, typed, or computer-generated in 12-point Times New Roman font.

Essays must be in English.

Essays must be the original work of the student. Parents/teachers/guardians may type or write a student’s work verbatim.

Each student may submit only one (1) essay. Please submit only one copy, i.e., do not fax and mail the same essay.

Essays must be in black ink on white paper, double-spaced, and on one side of the paper only.

Please number pages at the bottom, i.e., 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.

Do not include drawings, references, or other attachments.

Do not use staples. Use a paper clip to attach the Contact Information Form and the essay.

ESSAY PROMPTS GRADES 1 – 4

Have you ever helped someone? Describe one time when you did something that helped someone. How did it feel to help?

ESSAY PROMPTS GRADES 5 – 8

Describe a time that you wanted to help someone, but didn’t

What stopped you from helping?

How can you overcome those things?

Describe some of the feelings associated with helping others?

ESSAY PROMPTS GRADES 9 – 12 & TASC

What are the first thoughts you have when you read the quote?

Does this quote make you think of any individual? Why?

Does this quote apply to your life at all? If so, how?

2018 Project on Racism Contest Five Minute Film Competition

One of the newest additions to the Project on Racism contest is a Five Minute Film Contest. We are giving all the students the opportunity to create a film of five (5) minutes or less in length that is inspired by or has a theme based in this year's quote.

QUOTE:

“The question is not, ‘If I stop to help these men in need, what will happen to me?’ The question is, ‘If I do not stop to help these men, what will happen to them?’ That's the question”*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - when discussing the sanitation worker's strike

The film's director(s) and actors must have been in high school, Middle school, or Elementary school while filming the project. This is a state wide film competition and thus accepts films from anywhere in the WV, as long as, you were in grades 1 through 12 when you made the film.

All films must be in English or subtitled in English.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Entries for the 2018 YWCA Project on Racism Five Minute Film Contest must be submitted on or before **November 1st, 2017**

ELIGIBILITY: Students must submit entries as required on the entry form to be eligible. Entries received after the deadline set forth in these terms are ineligible, null, and void.

HOW TO ENTER: Create a film of five (5) minutes or less in length that is inspired by or has a theme based in this year's quote. The film can be created by phone, camera, or any other visual recording device.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Be sure to fill out the Contact Information Sheet and attach it or the information from it, with your submission

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be announced before the end of December 2018.

Winners will be chosen by the creativity, ingenuity, originality, and relevance of each entry. All winners will be notified by the email address or phone number provided in the entry form.

RULES FOR ENTRY:

Entries may not contain content that contains curse words, gross violence, gore, nudity or any sexual situations.

2018 Project on Racism Contest Song/Music Competition

Another addition to the Project on Racism contest is the Song/Music Contest. We are giving all the students the opportunity to create a song of three (3) minutes or less in length that is inspired by or has a theme based on this year's quote.

QUOTE:

“The question is not, ‘If I stop to help these men in need, what will happen to me?’ The question is, ‘If I do not stop to help these men*, what will happen to them?’ That's the question”

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The musicians or musical contributors must have been in High school, Middle school, or Elementary school during the school year 2018. This is a state wide Song/Music competition and thus accepts music from anywhere in the state provided you were in grades 1 through 12 when you created the piece.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Entries for the 2018 YWCA Project on Racism Song/Music Contest must be submitted on or before **November 1st, 2017**

ELIGIBILITY: Students must submit entries as required on the entry form to be eligible. Entries received after the deadline set forth in these terms are ineligible, null, and void.

HOW TO ENTER: Create a song or musical piece of three (3) minutes or less in length that is inspired by or has a theme based on this year's quote. The music can be created by phone, studio, or any other recording equipment. All music, lyrics must be original. The song entered cannot be owned in any part by a music publishing company. Categories of music accepted include: Alternative, Blues, Children's Music, Christian, Country, EDM (Electronic Dance Music), Folk, Instrumental, Jazz, Latin, Pop/Top 40, R&B, Hip-Hop, & Rock. All songs must be in MP3 format.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: The Contact Information Sheet must be attach in some way or the information from it must be submitted with your original work.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be announced before the end of December 2017.

Winners will be chosen by the creativity, ingenuity, originality, and relevance of each entry. All winners will be notified by the email address or phone number provided on the entry form.

RULES FOR ENTRY:

Entries may not contain curse words, words of aggression or violence, or words of a sexual nature. Each entry must include the following:

1. Completed Contact Information Form
2. A Flash Drive or CD containing the MP3 (The MP3 can also be emailed to cdcdirector@ywcawheeling.org)

SELECTION OF WINNERS

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria: grammar, originality, relevance to theme, and effective expression. Winners will be contacted via the email provided on the Contact Information Sheet, and announced before the end of December 2017. All judgments are final.

CONDITIONS

All submitted entries shall become the property of the YWCA Wheeling, and no submission will be acknowledged or returned. The copyright of the entry remains the exclusive property of the entrant.

If any submission commits plagiarism or violates copyright, the entrant is solely responsible for the act(s). The YWCA Wheeling is NOT responsible in cases of plagiarism and/or copyright infringement. If YWCA Wheeling receives any concrete evidence of plagiarism and/or copyright infringement after a winner is selected, then the prize shall be returned and YWCA Wheeling shall remove that work from its website.

If you have any questions about the 2018 Project on Racism Essay Contest, please contact us at 304-232-0511 or cdcodirector@ywcawheeling.org

2018 Project on Racism Contest Contact Information Form

Submissions may not include any information that identifies the student, teacher, principal, or school. Any submission that includes identifying information will be automatically disqualified.

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTY _____

PHONE _____

TEACHER _____ E-MAIL _____

PRINCIPAL _____ E-MAIL _____

2018 Project on Racism Contest Student Checklist

- Is your Contact Information Form filled out completely and accurately, and paper clipped to your essay?
- Did you EXCLUDE all identifying information (such as name, school, grade, age, and teacher) from your essay?
- Is your essay four (4) pages or shorter?
- Is your essay handwritten, typed, or computer-generated in 12-point Times New Roman font?
- Is your essay legible after photocopying?
- Is your essay double-spaced?
- Is your essay on white paper?
- Is your essay on one side of the page only (single-sided)?
- Does your essay answer pertain to the Topic?
- Did you check for errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation?
- Does your essay contain only your own original work?
- Are the pages numbered at the bottom, i.e., 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.?
- Did you exclude drawings, references, and other attachments?
- Did you exclude staples?
- Did you paper clip together the Contact Information Form and the essay?
- Is your entry being submitted on or before November 1st, 2017?
- Are you submitting your essay only once?