

Character Counts

KENT COUNTY



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HOW THE ESSAY CONTEST WORKS

<p>CHOOSE A TOPIC</p> <p>Flip to the back to choose from the available essay topics.</p> <p>Each essay must include at least 1 pillar of Character:</p> <p>Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship</p>	<p>WRITE YOUR ESSAY</p> <p>Your essay can be neatly handwritten or typed in size 12 font.</p> <p>High School: 500 Words Minimum Middle School: 300 words Minimum</p> <p>Be sure your essay is well organized and your topic is clearly stated and thoughtful.</p>	<p>SUBMIT</p> <p>Complete and staple the below Entry Form to your essay submission and submit to your teacher.</p>	<p>WIN!</p> <p>Each grade level will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winner:</p> <p>Cash Prizes!</p> <p>Essays will be judged on content, structure, spelling and grammar.</p> <p>APRIL 13, 2016</p>

All winners will be notified in March 2016.
 An awards ceremony will be held in the Decker Theatre, Gibson Center for the Arts at Washington College on Wednesday April 13th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM



Name:	Grade:	Teacher:	School:
Parent/Guardian Name:			Phone # :
Address:			
Email :			
Student Signature :			

WRITING PROMPTS

These prompts are to help students with ideas for writing their essay. Students do not have to choose one of the ideas listed below. **They may write on another topic as long as it includes one of the Six Pillars.**

HIGH SCHOOL

1. How does Character Counts help you with your current education and efforts to achieve your goals? How can it help you in your future, whether it be in college/higher education or in pursuing a career (military or work-place)?
2. How has Character Counts helped you realize that it is important to be a person of good character? Are there any changes in your lifestyle you could make or have already made to become a better person?
3. Discuss the importance of good character choices and social media (texting, snap chat, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).
4. Everybody makes mistakes. Discuss a mistake you have made, how you reacted to it and what you learned from it.
5. Connect sportsmanship to Character Counts.
6. What is leadership? What qualities does a strong leader have? How have you shown good leadership in school or in the community?

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. How has Character Counts impacted your relationships with family members and friends?
2. What impact has Character Counts had on how you approach your education and your effort to achieve your goals?
3. Discuss the importance of good character choices while using social media (texting, snap chat, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).
4. Connect sportsmanship to Character Counts.
5. One of our Character Counts topics is about peer pressure and being a leader not a follower. What qualities does a strong leader have? How have you shown good leadership in school or in the community?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. Write about manners and why they are important. *Respect*
2. What qualities do you look for in a friend? Why is it important to choose our friends carefully? *Respect*
3. Write about someone or something you are thankful for and why you are thankful for them. How do you show your appreciation for these people/things? *Caring*
4. What is a goal? Why is it important to set goals and then go after them? What are some of your goals? *Responsibility*

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