



Citizenship Literature Contest

2016 – 2017 THEME: “How can I be a responsible citizen?”

Due October 18, 2016 by 10 a.m.

Let your voice be heard and write an essay about how you can be a responsible citizen. You could win first, second, third or honorable mention in your division and be honored with a medal at the A.L. Lotts Awards Ceremony on November 15th. All other entries will receive a certificate of participation. First, second, and third place will be entered in the Knox County PTA Citizenship Literature Contest. All other entries will be returned after the A.L. Lotts Awards Ceremony.



Please deliver your entry, with the Student Entry Form, to the PTA Contest bin on top of the PTA Poster Contest box in the hallway near the gym. No late entries will be accepted. Entries that do not follow all the guidelines will be returned, if submitted on or before 10 a.m. on October 11, 2016, so you have the opportunity to make changes. If you decide not to make changes the work will not be judged but will receive a certificate of participation.

Any questions please email Kim Bauer at kimb841@gmail.com

CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST GUIDELINES

2016-2017 THEME: "How can I be a responsible citizen?"

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

DIVISIONS: 1 – Preschool through Kindergarten

2 – Grades 1 through 2

3 – Grades 3 through 5

6 – 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 Program Entry Form should be attached to the back of the manila folder containing the essay.
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 – Preschool through Kindergarten* 25+ words (see guidelines)

Division 2 – Grades 1 through 2 50+ words

Division 3 – Grades 3 through 5 100+ words

Division 6 – Special Education 50+ words

***Division 1 guidelines – Entries may be submitted on tape by the student.**

Tape recordings accepted in this division only.

ASSISTANCE IN WRITING:

- Students in Division 1 - Preschool and Kindergarten may record their entries.
- Students in Division 2 – Grades 1 through 2 and Division 6 – 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 NOTE- BOOK 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.
- Completed entry form should be attached to the front of the essay.

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 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.
- Completed entry form should be attached to the front of the essay.

REMEMBER...

A CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE PROGRAM ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY.

2016-2017 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROGRAM – Student Entry Form



All entries must be to the State Office on or before February 17, 2017
Send to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Avenue, Nashville TN 37212
615-383-9740 www.tnpta.org

Theme: "How can I be a responsible citizen?"

ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF EACH ESSAY ENTRY FOLDER

Name of Student _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of Parent _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of PTA/PTSA _____

Name of President _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

President's email address _____

Name of Chairman _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chairman's email address _____

Council _____ **County** _____ **Region** _____

Name of School _____

Principal _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Teacher _____

I affirm that this is my own original creative work _____

Student's Signature _____

Affirmed by _____

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature _____