

CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST RULES

THEME: Celebrate our Country by...

GOAL: To promote and encourage participation in becoming responsible citizens. Using the theme provided, local units and councils are encouraged to conduct this program at any time during the school year, but the winning entries must be submitted to the state office on or before January 20, 2022. Each local unit and/or council may submit their five (5) best essays in each of the grade divisions.

DIVISIONS: Pre-Primary – Preschool through Kindergarten
Primary – Grades 1 through 2
Intermediate – Grades 3 through 5
Middle School – Grades 6 through 8
High School – Grades 9 through 12
Special Artist – All Grades

GUIDELINES:

1. All entries submitted shall be the 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.
4. The entry must be written or typed on 8.5"x11" white paper (or similar sized lined paper) with the student's name written on the back of each page. The student's name shall not appear anywhere on the front of any page.
5. **The entry can be submitted only by submitting the entry and form via email to ldavis@tnpta.org.**
6. Essays shall be a **minimum** length for each division, as follows:
 - Pre-Primary – 25 words
 - Primary – 50 words
 - Intermediate – 100 words
 - Middle School – 200 words
 - High School – 350 words
 - Special Artist – 50 words
7. Students may receive assistance in writing (getting words on paper) as follows:
 - Students in Pre-Primary, Primary, and Special Artist may record or dictate their entries for another person to type or write the entry. Transcribers are not to alter the grammar or form of speech of the student. Entries must be transcribed in original form. If the

transcriber is working from a written submission created by the student; the original work must be attached. Recordings should also be submitted.

- Students in Intermediate, Middle School, and High School may have their entries typed by another person, as long as 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.

8. Entry specifications shall be as follows:

- Handwritten entries may be either pencil or ink and on standard, lined notebook paper written by the entrant and verified on the entry form. Entries should have a space between each line of writing and must be written on only one side of the paper. Multiple page entries should not be stapled together. Each page shall be numbered. The student's name must be written on the back of each page but shall not appear on the front of any page.
- Typed entries by someone other than the entrant must have the original work included with the submission and be verified on the entry form. The essay should be typed on 8½"x11", white paper and be double spaced. The entry must be typed on one side only and multiple pages should not be stapled together. Each page shall be numbered. The student's name must be written on the back of each page but shall not appear on the front of any page.
- Each entry must be submitted via email.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Entries from local units and councils must be sent via email to ldavis@tnpta.org on or before the due date: **January 20, 2022**, and must be submitted with the appropriate inventory form. All forms required may be found in the forms section at the end of this document.

RECOGNITION

Make sure that all participants are recognized, including those with work advancing to another level. You may want to have a ceremony at a school assembly, an in-class presentation, or a PTA function. This can encourage future participation. Students see their peers enjoying the program and look forward to participating themselves. You may want to do the following:

- Include an article in your PTA or school newsletter.
- Send congratulatory letters.
- Set up a lunch or dinner party for the participants with the PTA president and/or school principal or teacher.
- Have essay entrants read their works.
- Acknowledge anyone who supported the program including parents, staff, volunteers, and community members.
- Announce the names of the participants over the school public address (PA) system.
- Provide a party or after-school event for participants.

2021-2022 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROGRAM – Student Entry Form



All entries must be submitted by email to ldavis@tnpta.org on or before January 20, 2022
615-383-9740 www.tnpta.org

Theme: "Celebrate our Country by..."

INCLUDE A PICTURE OF THE ENTRY FORM IN THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PROCESS

PTA/PTSA only: complete this box before distribution:

FULL NAME PTA/PTSA: Crosswind Elementary PTA NATIONAL PTA ID NUMBER: 00031455
COUNCIL (IF APPLICABLE) USCC REGION: Delta
PROGRAM CHAIR NAME: Lori Duncan PHONE: _____
EMAIL: LoriD@CrosswindPTA.com

STUDENT NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

Any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the Tennessee PTA Arts in Education program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. **I agree to the above statement and to abide by the Tennessee PTA Arts in Education Rules. I hereby certify that the artwork is the original work of the student here named and that no adult or other student assisted (Special Education excepted) or altered the creative integrity of the student's work.**

Signature of student

Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRE-PRIMARY (Preschool-Kindergarten)
- PRIMARY (Grades 1-2)
- INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)
- HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)
- SPECIAL ARTIST (Special Education – All Grades)

WORD COUNT: _____

SAFETY POSTER CONTEST RULES

THEME: My Safety hero is...

DIVISIONS: Pre-Primary – Preschool through Kindergarten
Primary – Grades 1 through 2
Intermediate – Grades 3 through 5
Middle School – Grades 6 through 8
Special Artist – All Grades

GUIDELINES:

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

All participants are required to fill out in its entirety and sign the Student Entry Form. Students who have not completely filled out the entry form will not be eligible to participate in the program. In situations where the child cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent may sign his or her child's name. Students have the option of placing the titles of their works on the Student Entry Form and must answer a few questions about how they created their works (see Required Information).

REQUIRED ARTIST STATEMENT

On the Student Entry Form, describe what inspired you to create this work and how it relates to the theme. This is required for all grade divisions.

JUDGING

All entries are judged on originality and creativity, educational value of theme development, and age-appropriate quality of work.

FORMAT

- The poster shall be regular poster board size, 22 x 28 inches (a full sheet).
- The color and pattern may be chosen by the participant.
- Three dimensional posters are not allowed. No attachments are allowed.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Poster must be designed and done by the student.
- The student's name and/or school may not appear on the front of the poster.
- The student's name, school and division should be written on the back of the poster.
- **Electronic entries are the only acceptable submissions this year.** Email photos (front and back) of your poster along with your entry form to ldavis@tnpta.org.
- Entries must be kept in case they are awarded winning status at the state level in order to be displayed at the state student awards ceremony.

Reasons for disqualification could include:

- Incorrect entry form, no entry form attached, missing signature, entry not submitted properly and/or entries received after deadline.

2021-2022 SAFETY PROGRAM – Student Entry Form



All entries must be submitted by email to ldavis@tnpta.org on or before January 20, 2022
615-383-9740 www.tnpta.org

Theme: "My Safety hero is..."

INCLUDE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM ELECTRONICALLY IN EMAIL

PTA/PTSA only: complete this box before distribution:

FULL NAME PTA/PTSA: Crosswind Elementary PTA NATIONAL PTA ID NUMBER: 00031455
COUNCIL (IF APPLICABLE) USCC REGION: Delta
PROGRAM CHAIR NAME: Lori Duncan PHONE: _____
EMAIL: LoriD@CrosswindPTA.com

STUDENT NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

Any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the Tennessee PTA Arts in Education program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. **I agree to the above statement and to abide by the Tennessee PTA Arts in Education Rules. I hereby certify that the artwork is the original work of the student here named and that no adult or other student assisted (Special Education excepted) or altered the creative integrity of the student's work.**

Signature of student

Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

STUDENT MUST COMPLETE ALL FIELDS, AS APPLICABLE

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRE-PRIMARY (Preschool-Kindergarten)
- PRIMARY (Grades 1-2)
- INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)
- SPECIAL ARTIST (Special Education – All Grades)

You may provide additional information on the back or on a separate sheet describing materials in your artwork. Include any details that would enhance the understanding of the creation of the piece.

ARTIST STATEMENT: _____

