



Teen Diversity Essay Contest Application

The Westport Library...

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Address: _____
 Town: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Essay Title: _____
 Essay Submission Date: _____

Essay Topic and Charge

“Recently several professional athletes have “taken a knee” during the singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner” to bring attention to--and to protest—ongoing bias and discriminatory practices in American society in general and by law enforcement officers in particular. In reaction, some people have called these athletes “unpatriotic.” In 1,000 words or fewer, describe your understanding of what it means to be a patriot, what kinds of behavior you think would be unpatriotic, and what forms of protest against discriminatory laws, customs, or patterns of behavior you would consider legitimate.”

1. Submit the following together as a complete package:
 - a. Completed application with signatures of student and parent/guardian.
 - b. An essay according to the “**Essay Topic and Charge**” stated above.
 - Essay should be double-spaced with title in the header of each page along with author’s name, page number and submission date in the footer.
2. Mail the package to

TEAM Westport Essay Contest
 c/o Human Services Department
 Westport Town Hall
 110 Myrtle Avenue
 [Postmark deadline is February 27, 2018]
 OR
 Scan completed application and email package to info@teamwestport.org
 [Email receipt deadline is February 27, 2018]

- All applicants must be grade 9-12 students who are Westport residents **or** attend a Westport school (public or private).
1. All submissions become the property of TEAM Westport and the Town of Westport, CT.
 2. The applicant and parent/guardian certify that the essay being submitted is exclusively the work of the applicant.
 3. If the applicant’s essay is chosen for one of the prizes the applicant and parent/guardian agree that they will make themselves available for photographs and/or videos and such photos and/or videos as well as the essay may be used for publicity including media distribution by TEAM Westport, the Westport Library and the Town of Westport.
 4. The awards ceremony for this contest will take place on April 2, 2018 at the Westport Library at 6:30pm. All winners will be contacted prior to the event.

Signatures

By signing below, the applicant and their parent/guardian certify their agreement to the above terms, as well as to the validity of the information submitted.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Pls Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Forward any questions to info@teamwestport.org
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