



2022 Teen Diversity Essay Contest Application

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

Essay Submission Process

- 1. Essay Topic and Charge
a. Topic: "Why It Can Be So Difficult To Talk About Race"
Charge: "Why can it be so difficult to talk about race? Trevor Noah, award winning comedian, writer, and television host from South Africa says ... the first thing we have to do in any conversation is figure out what the words mean in the conversation that we're having."
In 1000 words or fewer, describe what you would like to explain to people in your community who avoid or struggle with talking about race or acknowledging systemic racism or who apply a colorblind approach to issues."
2. 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
o be double-spaced
o with title in the header of each page
o along with author's name, page number and submission date in the footer
3. Mail the package to
TEAM Westport Essay Contest
c/o Human Services Department
Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport CT 06880 [Postmark deadline is February 25, 2022]
OR
Scan completed application and email package to info@teamwestport.org.. [Email receipt deadline is February 25, 2022]

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 4, 2022 at the Westport Library (subject to COVID restrictions). 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 (Rev. 1-24-2022)