

# Atlanta Citizen Review Board



## ART & ESSAY CONTESTS

**2018 Theme: “If I were a police officer, I would be...”**

- For ALL Atlanta School Students in Grades: 1-12
- Special Open Entry Category for ALL Ages in Atlanta, Metro Atlanta and surrounding area!



1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners in Elementary, Middle and High School, and Four winners in Special Open Entry Category.

**Great Prizes!!**  
Gift cards, Trophies, Gift Bags, Certificates, ACRB Wristband Special Acknowledgement by Atlanta City Council Luncheon for winners and families, and more...

**Contact Atlanta Citizen Review Board Office or Register at any Participating Public Library Branch and ask your school guidance counselor**



**DEADLINE to Enter: March 12, 2018**

For complete details, see the back of this flyer or go to [ACRBgov.org](http://ACRBgov.org). or call 404-865-8622

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## 2018 Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) Art & Essay Contest Rules for All Categories

The Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) is committed to promoting positive interaction between citizens and police officers. The purpose of the ACRB Art & Essay Contest is to encourage discussion and understanding between students/citizens and law enforcement through creative expression. It is an opportunity to freely express the relationship with artwork and the written word based on personal opinions, experiences, talents, skills and abilities.

There are two parts to this contest, the primary contest (*Atlanta Schools only*) and the **SPECIAL OPEN ENTRY (SOE)** category. The SOE category encourages and includes people of all ages living inside the City of Atlanta (COA) and outside Atlanta including Metro Atlanta and surrounding area (*see information on this page that specifically applies to this category*).

### Contest Theme

**"If I were a police officer, I would be..."**

### Contest Deadlines

The contest will officially begin on December 4, 2017. All artists/essayists submitting an entry must deliver finished work to a designated drop off location (see below) no later than **Monday, March 12, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.** Mail entries must be received or postmarked on or before midnight **Monday, March 12, 2018.**

Essays can also be emailed or faxed on or before midnight **Monday, March 12, 2018.**

Drop Off Locations::	Entries may also be mailed to:
<p>Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 9100 City Hall Tower Atlanta, GA 30303</p> <p>Any Participating Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library or Gina Jenkins, Youth Services Coordinator, DeKalb County Public Library, at 404-508-7190, ext. 2258</p> <p>Essays can be faxed to 404-546-8401 or emailed to <a href="mailto:acrb@atlantaga.gov">acrb@atlantaga.gov</a> on or before midnight, Monday, March 12, 2018.</p>	<p>Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 9100 City Hall Tower Atlanta, GA 30303 (<b>postmarked on or before midnight, Monday, March 12, 2018.</b>)</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> All entries submitted for 2018 Art/Essay contest become the rightful property of the ACRB. The ACRB is not obligated to return any art or essay submitted and related to this contest.</p> <p>You may pick up an entry form or call the ACRB office an request an email form, or visit <a href="http://www.acrbgov.org">www.acrbgov.org</a> to download the form.</p>

### Contest Eligibility

All students living within the City of Atlanta (COA) who are in or entering grades 1 through 12. All students/citizens living in COA and Metro Atlanta and surrounding area are eligible (see Special Open Entry (SOE) contest requirements).

### GENERAL RULES for ALL Entries in 2018 Art & Essay Contest:

1. One entry per student. One entry per citizen.
2. Art Work/Essays must reflect the contest theme.
3. **CAUTION: Entry form must accompany submission. Entries will be disqualified without an entry form attached.**

### Essay Contest Rules for High Schools in the COA Only (Grades 9 to 12)

Essays must be between 500 – 750 words. **Essays over 750 words will be disqualified.**

### Essay Contest Rules for Middle Schools in the COA Only (Grades 6 to 8)

Essays must be between words for 250 – 500 words. **Essay over 500 words will be disqualified (except in the SOE category)**

### Art Contest Rules:

Students in Elementary Schools in the COA Only (Grades 1 to 5)  
One entry per student.

Students/Citizens in the SOE Category (no grade or age requirement – open to everyone). One entry per person.

### Technical Requirements for ALL Art Contest Entries:

Artwork must be no smaller than 8" x 10", no larger than 18 x 24". Artwork may be vertical or horizontal orientation. Students/Citizens may use any colorful medium that includes markers, paint, pastels, colored pencils, or crayon. Final piece of artwork must be appropriate for mounting. **All entries must be submitted with an ACRB Art Contest Entry Form and meet technical requirements.**

### SPECIAL OPEN ENTRY (SOE) Contest Eligibility

Anyone living inside the COA, METRO Atlanta and surrounding area is eligible. There is NO grade or age requirement for this special category.

### Contest Rules for Special Open Entry

1. GENERAL RULES apply.
2. Option to submit either Art or Essay.
3. Essays must be between 500 – 750 words. **Essays over 750 words will be disqualified.**
4. Art Entries (see Technical Requirement for All Art Contest Entries).

### Criteria for Judging All Artwork

Entries will be judged according to specified categories and primarily for following the theme of the contest. Consideration will also be given for the following:

1. Originality – new and different expression
2. Artistic composition – putting the art together
3. Interpretation of theme –expression of what the theme means
4. Creative techniques – use of the art tools
5. Overall art appearance

### Criteria for Judging All Essays

Entries will be judged according to grade levels or as specified in the Special Open Entry category. All entries must follow the theme of the contest. Consideration will also be given for the following:

1. Essays must address the contest theme
2. Essays must be between 250-500 words for students in grades 6-8 in the COA; 500 – 750 words for grades 9-12 in the COA, and 500 – 750 words for essays submitted in the Special Open Entry category. **CAUTION: Essays over the word limit will be disqualified.**
3. Originality – a different and creative opinion
4. Composition – a command of the language
5. Interpretation of theme – a compelling view of what the theme means to the you.

### Judges:

All entries will be scrutinized by ACRB staff to meet the criteria in each category as specified above. Entries not meeting criteria will be immediately disqualified. Citizens and employees of the COA will decide the winning artwork/essays and select a first, second, and third place winner for schools located in the COA.

Citizens and employees of the COA will decide the winning artwork/essay for first and second place winners for Special Open Entry category.

### Prizes for Winners in the City of Atlanta Schools

A total of nine (9) winners will be selected from schools specifically in the COA. In the event of a tie vote, a selected panel of judges will decide the winner.

**Grades 1-5: (ART Contest)** Grand Prize Winner – \$75.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Second Place – \$50.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Third Place – School Gift Bag and Certificate

**Grades 6-8 (ESSAY Contest)** Grand Prize Winner - \$125.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Second Place – \$75.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Third Place – \$50.00 Gift Card and Certificate

**Grades 9-12: (ESSAY Contest)** Grand Prize Winner – \$200.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Second Place – \$100.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Third Place – \$75.00 Gift Card and Certificate.

### SPECIAL OPEN ENTRY (SOE) Category Prizes for Winners in Atlanta, Metro Atlanta and Surrounding Area

Four (4) winners will be selected in the SOE category: two (2) Art Winners and two (2) Essay Winners. In the event of a tie vote, a selected panel of judges will decide the winner.

**SOE (ART Contest)** Grand Prize Winner – \$150.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Second Place – \$75.00 Gift Card and Certificate.

**SOE (ESSAY Contest)** Grand Prize Winner - \$150.00 Gift Card and Certificate. Second Place – \$75.00 Gift Card and Certificate.

All 2018 contestants, except contest winners, will receive an ACRB wristband and Certificate of Appreciation.

### Winner Notification

All winners will be announced **Monday, April 9, 2018** and notified via certified US Mail by **April 16, 2018**. Presentation of winners will take place during a meeting of The Atlanta City Council.