ACRB ARTS & ESSAY CONTEST

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Submissions can be made online at acrbgov.org/2020submission or Via Mail – 55 Trinity Avenue, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

THEME 2020

IF I COULD CHANGE LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS.....

#ACRBcontest
2020 Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) Art, Essay & Spoken Word Contest Rules for All Categories

Art & Essay

The Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) is committed to promoting positive interaction between citizens and police officers. The purpose of the ACRB Arts & 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 surrounding Metro Atlanta areas (see information on this page that specifically applies to SOE category).

Contest Theme

"If I could change law enforcement, it would be like this …"

Contest Deadlines

The contest will officially kick-off on December 10, 2019. All artists/essayists submitting an entry must deliver finished work to a designated drop off location (see below) no later than Friday, March 20, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. Mail and online entries must be submitted or postmarked on or before midnight Friday, March 20, 2020.

Entries may also be mailed to:
Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB)
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 9100
City Hall Tower
Atlanta, GA 30303

Check the website for any participating Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library and DeKalb County Public Library; Contact Gina Jenkins, Youth Services Coordinator, at 404-508-7190, ext. 2258

Essays can be faxed to 404-546-8401 or emailed to acrb@atlantaga.gov on or before midnight, Friday, March 20, 2020.

Essay and spoken word entries can also be submitted via web (www.acrbgov.org/2020Submission)

Drop Off Locations:

Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB)
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 9100
City Hall Tower
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-865-8622

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Entry form
You may pick up an entry form or call the ACRB office and request an email form, or visit www.acrbgov.org to download the form.

IMPORTANT: All entries submitted for 2020 Art/Essay contest become the sole property of the ACRB. The ACRB is not obligated to return any art or essay submitted and related to this contest.

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 surrounding Metro Atlanta areas are eligible (see Special Open Entry (SOE) contest requirements).

GENERAL RULES for ALL Entries in 2020 Art, Essay Contest:

1. One entry per person.
2. Artwork/Essays must reflect the contest theme.
3. Each document must be typed and have the participants name attached.
4. Submissions submitted online must be saved as a word document and as:
   Firstname_Lastname_2020AEC
5. CAUTION: Entry form must accompany submission. Entries will be disqualified without an entry form attached.
   *See following page for rules on the Spoken Word Category*

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 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, surrounding METRO Atlanta areas is eligible. There is NO grade, age or residency requirement for this special category.

Contest Rules for Special Open Entry

1. GENERAL RULES apply.
2. Option to submit either Art or Essay. Only one submission allowed.
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 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. Winner Notification

Winners will be announced and notified via email or US Mail beginning April 24, 2020. If you have questions about the contest, please visit www.acrbgov.org, contact Charles Curry, Madison Trice, or Adrienne Gillis at 404 865 8622 or ccurry@atlantaga.gov, madison.trice@atlantaga.gov, or aagillis@atlantaga.gov.

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 5-8 (ART Contest) Grand Prize Winner – 9” Portable DVD player w/ headphones (valued at $100). Second Place – Tablet (valued at $75). Third Place – School Gift Bag (valued at $40).

Grades 9-12 (ESSAY Contest) Grand Prize Winner – Chromebook (valued at $300). Second Place – 32” Roku TV (valued at $160). Third Place – Tablet (valued at $75).

Grades 9-12: (ESSAY Contest) Grand Prize Winner – 55” 4k Smart TV (Valued at $350). Second Place – Chromebook (valued at $300). Third Place – Tablet (valued at $75).

SPECIAL OPEN ENTRY (SOE) Category Prizes for Winners in Atlanta, Surrounding Metro Atlanta Areas

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 – Chromebook (valued at $300). Second Place – 32” Roku TV (valued at $160).

SOE (ESSAY Contest) Grand Prize Winner – Chromebook (valued at $300). Second Place – 32” Roku TV (valued at $160).

All contestants will receive an ACRB wristband and ACRB Certificate of Achievement. All winners must claim their prizes in person, no representatives allowed.

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Spoken Word

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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 surrounding Metro Atlanta areas (see information on this page that specifically applies to SOE category).

Contest Theme

“If I could change law enforcement, it would be like this…”

Contest Deadlines

The contest will officially begin on December 10, 2019. All spoken word contestants submitting an entry must deliver a finished package ONLINE. A finished package submitted online must include an entry form, audio and a typed transcript or an entry form, video and a typed transcript no later than Monday, March 20, 2020 by 12:00 a.m.

Submission

All entries must be submitted online only. Prior to submission, contestant must check a certification box that certifies that the original spoken word entry was created by the contestant. All complete submissions must include an entry form, audio entry and a typed transcript or a video entry and a typed transcript. A complete submission must be uploaded together at www.acrbgov.org. Entries must be between 45 seconds and 90 seconds in length. No more than 15 seconds of sampling is allowed. Sampling would include, but not be limited to Bible verses, song lyrics, theatrical lines, etc. that are in the public domain. The written transcript must include a contestant’s name, address, phone number and email on the transcript, this does not take place of the entry form (MUST DO BOTH). After uploading a complete submission, a confirmation code will be issued that validates the entry and indicates an official contestant. Failure to comply with all the specific submission rules will result in immediate disqualification. All submissions become the property of Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB).

Eligibility

City of Atlanta

All students living within the City of Atlanta who are in grades 9 through 12.

Special Open Entry (SOE) Contest Eligibility

Anyone living in the City of Atlanta and in the surrounding metro Atlanta area is eligible. There is no grade, age, or residency requirement for this special category.

General Rules:

1. One entry per person
2. Submission must reflect the contest theme.
3. No profanity, obscenity, pornography, vulgarity, misogyny.
4. Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification, unless material can be shown to be in the public domain.
5. Submission must fit the 45 second to 90 second time bar. Sampling must fit the 15 second time bar.
6. Submissions submitted online must be saved as a Word Document as: Firstname_Lastname_2020AEC
7. Each submission must have participants name on each document.
8. Each entry must have an entry form attached.
9. Each entry must have a typed transcript saved as a Word Document as: (Firstname_Lastname_2020AEC).
10. Any deviation from submission requirements or the general rules results in immediate disqualification, no exceptions.

Criteria for Judging Spoken Word Contest

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
3. Interpretation of the theme – what the theme means to the contestant
5. Overall presentation

Judges:

A panel of judges will decide the winning spoken word categories and select a first, second place winners. All winners will be announced beginning April 24, 2020. Presentation of winners will take place during a meeting of The Atlanta City Council.

Prizes for Winners in the City of Atlanta Schools

Grades 9-12: Grand Prize Winner – Apple Watch (valued at $300.00) Second Place – 32” Roku Smart TV (valued at $160).

Prize for Winners in the Special Open Entry

SOE: Grand Prize Winner – Chromebook (valued at $300). Second Place – 32” Roku Smart TV (valued at $160).

All winners must claim their prizes in person, no representatives allowed. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

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Winner Notification

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CAUTION: All automatic contest disqualifications

1. Not having and entry form attached to submission along with proper information.
2. Entering more than one (1) category.
3. Living outside of COA entering in any COA contest.
4. Exceeding the time bar of 45 seconds 90 seconds for Spoken Word.
5. Exceeding 750 words for Essay in grades (9-12 & SOE). Exceeding 500 words for Essay in grades (6-8).
6. Not reaching the Essay count of 250 words for grades (6-8). Not reaching the Essay count 500 words for grades (9-12 & SOE).
7. Artwork must be no smaller than 8” x 10”, no larger than 18 x 24”.
8. Use of Plagiarism, profanity, obscenity, pornography, vulgarity, misogyny.
9. No entry form included with submission.
10. Omission of typed transcripts
11. Missed deadline of March 20, 2019 12:00 am midnight.
12. Not sticking to contest theme.

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Entry Form for the ACRB 2020 Arts & Essay Contest

IMPORTANT: Before you complete this entry form, please be sure to read the official contest rules posted at www.acrbgov.org or on the contest information flyer.

Please complete this form and attach it to your art, essay or spoken word entry and submit before the deadline. Entries submitted without this form will be disqualified. All entries must arrive at the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) office on or before 5:00 p.m., March 20, 2020. Entries online, faxed or mailed must be submitted or postmarked by midnight, March 20, 2020.

CITY OF ATLANTA SCHOOL STUDENTS

(Student's Name: ___________________________ Age: _________________
Atlanta School Name: ___________________________ Grade: _________________
City: ___________________________ State: GA Zip code: ________ Phone number: _________________
E-mail address: ___________________________

*If student is under 18 years of age, parent/guardian, please provide your email address: ___________________________

Grades 1 to 5 (Art): _______ Grades 6 to 8 (Essay): _______ Grades 9 to 12 (Essay): _______ (Spoken Word): _______

Note: If you are a student in grades 6 to 12, living in the City of Atlanta, you may opt out of the Essay Contest and submit an Art entry in the Special Open Entry category below. Only one contest entry will be allowed. Dual entries will be disqualified.

SPECIAL OPEN ENTRY CATEGORY

(Atlanta and Surrounding Metro Atlanta Areas)

(Name of Contestant: ___________________________
Street address: ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: GA Zip code: ________ Phone number: _________________
E-mail address: ___________________________

*If contestant is under 18 years of age, Parent/guardian, please provide your email address: ___________________________

I have read, understand, agree, and abide by the Official Rules of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) 2020 Arts and Essay Contest. Parent/guardian must sign for all entrants under 18 years of age.

Further, I certify that this art/essay is an original, created by the contestant.

Student's signature/ Contestant's signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________
Parent/guardian's name (Print or type name): ___________________________
Parent/guardian's signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

IMPORTANT: ALL CONTESTANTS MUST COMPLETE THE INFORMATION IN THE BLUE BOX!!!