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Important Update: The “2020 Arts & Essay Contest”
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Due to the ongoing changes related to the Coronavirus, the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) must temporarily suspend the 2020 Arts & Essay Contest (AEC) until further notice.

Public Safety is top priority. Since the Atlanta City Hall is currently closed to the public and employees, this means ACRB’s staff is unavailable to accept contest entries from the public in person or by mail at this time. However, essays can be submitted online at www.acrbgov.org along with all spoken word entries. Upload rap or poetry (in audio/video format or both) and don’t forget to include an online entry form and a written transcript of the spoken word entry and submit through the website.

If you have not submitted your entry because you plan to deliver it or mail it, please hold on to it, and as soon as the ACRB Office reopens at City Hall, the contest will resume, and the public will be promptly notified of the new deadline to submit final entries for the contest. In the meantime, please continue perfecting your works of art, essays, poetry, rap and spoken word to compete against some of the most talented artists in Atlanta and Metro Atlanta.

Remember, the 2020 contest is not only open to all students in Atlanta schools, but virtually anyone in the Atlanta Metropolitan area can enter under the Special Open Category. Just check the website for complete rules and regulations.

The contest uses artwork, essays and spoken word (poetry/rap), to allow citizens to freely express their feelings about law enforcement. The theme of the 2020 AEC is “If I could change law enforcement, it would be like this…”

Winners will receive Smart TVs, Applewatches, Chromebooks, gift cards, certificates and more. A special awards reception at Atlanta City Hall will be held to honor not only all the winners, but also their families, school counselors, teachers, principals…anyone who assisted and encouraged them during the contest. The Atlanta City Council will also recognize winners in all categories during the televised council meeting. The winning school/church/recreation center/senior center with the most entries will receive a proclamation signed by the full council membership.

For more information, please visit www.acrbgov.org or contact Madison Trice, Adrienne Gillis or Charles Curry at 404 865 8622, or email: matrice@atlantaga.gov, agillis@atlantaga.gov or ccurry@atlantaga.gov.

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