

March 10, 2016

ESSAY CONTEST for High School Juniors and Seniors
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TO: Principals and Teachers of English - all High Schools in Kennebec County
FROM: Kennebec County Medical Society
RE: Essay contest

Once again, the Kennebec County Medical Society is sponsoring an essay contest for students in the Junior and Senior year of high school. Over the years we have enjoyed learning the students' thoughts and interests. We have been happy to award monetary prizes to the best 8 to 12 essay finalists. It is a joy to initiate this process again in 2016.

The topic of the essay is:

"An Important Health Issue For Teenagers In The World Today"

The essays should be 2 to 3 type written double-spaced pages in length (3 page, maximum).

The essay should include the following elements:

The health issue should be explained.

The severity of the health issue should be explored.

Potential solutions to the health issue should be offered or explored.

NOTE: Addressing the possibility of a solution is an important part of the assignment.

The essays will be judged based on the ability of the essay to convince the reader that the issue is important, the clarity of the subject exploration, and the craft of the writing, including grammar and spelling.

The scholarships are awards of:

FIRST PLACE - \$1000

RUNNER-UP - \$500

HONORABLE MENTIONS - \$100

ENTRY DATE:

The essays may be mailed to: Maine Medical Association
Attn: Lisa Martin
PO Box 190
Manchester, ME 04351

Entries must be received by *Monday, April 11, 2016.*

Contestants and their schools will be notified of the winning submissions on **May 6, 2016.**

The awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2015 at 6:15 PM.

FORMAT: The entries are read and judged "blind" of all identifying information. Therefore, it is important that the essay **have no name or identifying information** on the essay pages themselves. However, there should be a cover sheet with the entrant's name, telephone number and school. Without this information, it would be difficult to notify the winner. **(NO STAPLES PLEASE)**

Please encourage your students to participate by distributing this information to all the students and teachers in the school who may have an interest.

Contact Lisa Martin at 622-3374 Ext 221 or by E-mail: lmartin@mainemed.com to assure that you received this updated information and to let us know if you are planning to participate in the contest.

Thank you.