

Rules and Guidelines:



- 1) All students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grade as of September 2016 are eligible for the contest.
- 2) All work submitted must be original work.
- 3) One entry per student is permitted (one essay or one poem).
- 4) Essay work will be judged on:
 - ★ Originality and creativity;
 - ★ Persuasiveness;
 - ★ Clarity, coherence and organization;
 - ★ Grammar and spelling.

Poetry will be judged on:

 - ★ Originality and creativity;
 - ★ Relevance to contest topic;
 - ★ Clarity and coherence;
 - ★ Spelling.
- 5) Submit one copy of your work to your nearest Fairfax County Public Library branch or online at libraryevents@fairfaxcounty.gov by Sept. 3, 2016, at 5 p.m.
- 6) Essay/poem must be accompanied with a completed cover sheet.
- 7) The winners will be notified by October 1; prizes will be awarded during Teen Read Week (October 9-15).
- 8) Essays/poems will not be returned.

Awards:



Fairfax County Public Library will distribute multiple awards in each of the following categories:

\$100 Gold
 \$50 Silver
 \$25 Bronze

Certificates of Merit

Cover sheet



Please print clearly

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____

Grade (Fall of 2016): _____

Age: _____ M _____ F _____

My neighborhood library branch is: _____

Student

I have followed the rules and guidelines as outlined; my work is original work. If my writing is selected, I agree that the Fairfax County Public Library and/or media outlets may use my work.

 Student Signature

Parent/Guardian

I have read the rules and guidelines and allow my child to submit an original essay/poem to the Fairfax County Public Library. I understand that this work may be posted on the library's website and/or used in other media outlets (using only first name and last initial to identify).

 Parent/Guardian Signature

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graders – enter “For Love of
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an essay and poetry contest,
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Just create an essay or poem
on the topic:

“Why Vote?”



Fill out the cover sheet on the
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Entries are due by
September 3, 2016, at 5 p.m.



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For rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders
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