

“WHAT DO I STAND FOR?”

2019 Citizenship Essay Contest

DEADLINE: ENTRIES ARE DUE TO NOVA DISTRICT DIRECTOR BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children – tomorrow’s leaders. To demonstrate the value that Virginia PTA places on good citizenship, we are proud to sponsor, support, and encourage Virginia students to write an essay for the 2019 Citizenship Essay Contest. This year’s selected theme is “What Do I Stand For?”

WHO CAN ENTER?

All Virginia students in grades K through 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA in Good Standing may enter. A non-graded Special Writer Division is available and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay, but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

CRITERIA:

In all categories, adherence to the theme as it relates to CITIZENSHIP, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and may not be altered in any way.

Students in grades 9 through 12 must write a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

Students in grades 6 through 8 must write a minimum of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

Students in grades 3 through 5 may submit a maximum of 250 words, typed or handwritten.

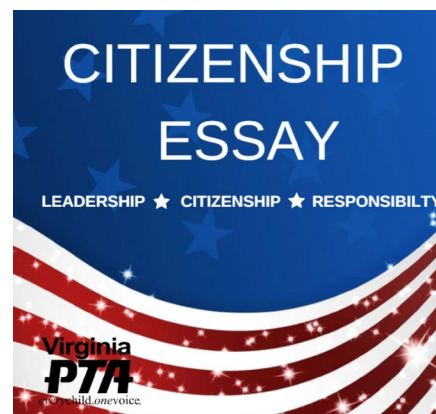
Students in grades K through 2 may submit a maximum of 100 words, typed or handwritten.

Special Writers may submit entries typed or handwritten.

AWARDS:

Students who place first in their category will be notified in the Spring. They will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publication, The VOICE, and on the Virginia PTA website. First place winners in each division will also receive a CASH PRIZE and will be recognized at a Virginia PTA Awards Event.

Students should contact their school’s PTA representative for their school’s deadline, if applicable. Essays and completed applications must be submitted to NOVA District Director by February 1, 2019. Districts without a District Director should forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attention: Citizenship Essay, 1027 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227. Questions: Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at info@vapta.org or (804) 264-1234 or 866-4vakids.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2019 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT

“WHAT DO I STAND FOR?”

Due to Northern Virginia PTA District Director by **February 1, 2019**

Mail to: **Debbie Kilpatrick, NOVA District Director, 13301 Green Mallard Court, Clifton, VA 20124**

Questions? email: novadd@vapta.org

CATEGORY: (Please select only one)

SPECIAL WRITER ___ **GRADE K – 2** ___ **GRADE 3 – 5** ___ **GRADE 6 – 8** ___ **GRADE 9 – 12** ___

NAME _____ **GRADE** _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **PHONE** _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

PRINCIPAL’S NAME _____

PRINCIPAL’S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT _____

COUNCIL PTA _____ **DISTRICT PTA** **NOVA District PTA**

**I certify that this is the original work of the student. I also understand that,
if selected, the essay will be published.**

Student’s Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

STATE AWARDS: 1st Place entries at the state level will win a cash prize.

(For District Use Only – Deadline for District to Submit the District’s Winner is March 1)

**I certify that this local unit is in good standing with Virginia PTA and meets all guidelines. I certify that this entry is a
district winner and is forwarded to Virginia PTA for judging.**

District Director’s Signature

ESSAY – Must have Theme in Title of Essay: