

STUDENT VOICES CONTEST

GUIDELINES

TOPICS: STUDENTS SHOULD ANSWER 1 OF THE 2 PROMPTS

- **How Can I Be a Champion For Peace?** (Students should consider where they can be impactful in their daily lives including neighborhood, social media, interactions with friends and family, school, etc.)
- **How do we champion peace in a media landscape that embellishes violence? Does violent media impact youth attitudes towards gun culture?** (Gun culture encompasses the behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs about firearms and their usage by civilians)

ELIGIBILITY: Illinois students currently in grades 1 through 12 are eligible to participate. Only ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT

CATEGORIES

- ESSAY
- POETRY
- ART
- SPOKEN WORD

GRADE DIVISIONS FOR JUDGING

- Division 1: 1st - 4th grade
- Division 2: 5th - 8th grade
- Division 3: 9th-12th grade

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1. Each entry requires a completed entry form and if your name is not on the entry form it will be disqualified.
2. Each entry must fit into ONE category (essay, poetry, art, or spoken word).
3. Written entries should be typed or written in BLACK INK.
4. All essay entries should follow a paragraph format with complete sentences. Recommended essay lengths are as follows: Division 1: 200-250 words; Division 2: 350-400 words; Division 3: 500-600 words
5. There are no size limitations for artwork submissions. All artwork should be 2 dimensional.
6. Spoken word submissions may be sent by USB drive. Please add a label description including: Name, Grade division, school group, and performance time.
7. PLEASE WRITE YOUR FULL NAME ON THE BACK OF YOUR COMPLETED ARTWORK.

WINNERS & PRIZES

- At least one winner from each category and grade division will be selected
- Each winner receives a new Apple iPad. Submitting teachers of winning students receive a \$100 gift certificate to a bookstore or art supply store.
- Winners will be notified in May 2020 and then honored at an Awards Assemble at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

DEADLINE:

MAY 15, 2020

(EARLY ENTRIES ACCEPTED)

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PLEASE SEND ENTRIES TO:

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
180 N. Lasalle St. Suite 2750
Chicago, IL 60601

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ENTRY FORM 2019/2020

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE AND CLEARLY PRINTED

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MY SUBMISSION IS (PLEASE MARK ONLY ONE):

 ESSAY POETRY ART SPOKEN WORD

STUDENT NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

GRADE: _____

TEACHER: _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____

TEACHER/SCHOOL EMAIL: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

X _____

All submissions become the sole property of ICHV and will not be returned. ICHV reserves the right to utilize entries in the service of ICHV's mission including but not limited to exhibiting, publishing and reprinting submissions. Contest winners will be notified by May 2020.

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