

# Character Matters Essay Contest

*Submission Deadline:*

**Friday, November 19, 2010**

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**Character Development Center**

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Character Matters Essay Contest offers students the opportunity to reflect on and write about experiences related to matters of honesty, courage, respect, responsibility, self-discipline, and other character traits. Students may write about important people in their lives or personal experiences in which they displayed positive character. For writing prompts and a detailed timeline visit our website.

**Contest divisions:** Elementary School, grades 4 & 5; Middle School, grades 6,7,8; and High School, grade 9 to 12.

**Essay:** Students should write a 2 to 4 page essay. Visit our website for more details.

**Submission:** Each teacher submits two essays from his/her class.

**Entry Form:** Each teacher must submit an official entry form for each essay (see back of flyer).

**Participation Certificates:** All students whose essays are submitted by their teachers will receive a certificate of participation.

**Contest Winners:** There are three winners in each category. First place winners receive \$125 and a plaque; second place winners receive \$100 and a plaque; third place winners receive \$75 and a plaque.

**Teacher Awards:** Each teacher who submits two essays from his/her class will receive a \$50 discount coupon to the summer conference. The nine teachers of winning students will receive a gift from the Character Development Center, including a \$100 conference discount coupon.

**Award Presentations:** Student winners and their teachers will be notified by mail or email. The awards will be mailed or delivered to the teacher at his/her school. The winning teacher and the school principal will decide the best venue for presenting the award to the winning student.

**For more information for facilitating the essay contest please contact us or visit our website**

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## ***Entry Form***

Please complete the following form and attach to each student essay you submit.  
Be sure the student name appears only on this entry form and nowhere else in the essay.

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Phone Number and E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name and E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name, Address and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Directions for the teacher\*:**

1. Select one or two-three essays from your class for submission.
2. Fill out this entry form for **each essay** and attach it to the back of the essay.
3. Be sure to make a copy of the students' essays and the entry forms before mailing.
4. Entries must be postmarked by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010**

Please mail each completed form and essay to:

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