

A Bridge For Kids 6th Annual Essay Contest

Essay Topic and Judging:

Eligible students (see contest rules and eligibility below) may enter the 2018 A Bridge for Kids Essay Contest by submitting an original essay of 750 words or fewer describing their thoughts on the following: *Discuss one short term and one long term goal you have for yourself and what you believe to be the biggest roadblock that might keep you from achieving each goal?* A panel of volunteers will judge the essays and the winners will be picked based on the creativity, originality, clarity and overall impact of the essay.

Note: Deadline for entry is midnight on March 11, 2018. Winners will be announced week of April 9, 2018.

2018 Contest Prizes:

1st Place - \$2,500 sponsorship
2nd Place - \$1,000 sponsorship
3rd-5th - \$250 Amazon Gift Card
6th-10th - \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Past Winners:

2017 Essay Contest Winner - *Jonathan Bojorquez*, Helix High School
2016 Essay Contest Winner - *Kiara Gomez*, The Preuss School, UCSD
2015 Essay Contest Winner - *Andria Montgomery*, Patrick Henry High School
2014 Essay Contest Winner - *Virginia Reyes*, The Preuss School, UCSD
2013 Essay Contest Winner - *Laura Castro*, The Preuss School, UCSD

2018 CONTEST RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

Contest Eligibility and Rules:

- Contest is open to all High School students who currently qualify for the government sponsored free and reduced lunch program.
- To apply, students must be currently enrolled in high school.
- Contestants are encouraged to discuss the essay topic with teachers, parents or other friends but must write the essay by themselves, in his or her own words.
- Essays must be 750 words or less and double spaced.
- Essays will be judged by a panel based on the creativity, originality, clarity and overall impact of the essay. Essays are judged blind, as all essays are assigned numbers and the panel will not have information (name or school) on the author.
- ***All essays must be accompanied by an A Bridge for Kids application (see below). PLEASE NOTE that all essays must be in digital form (Microsoft Word or Google Docs preferred). No scanned essays will be accepted.***
- Essays and sponsorship applications should be sent via email to info@abridgeforkids.org. Please make sure that the full name of the student submitting the essay and application is in the Subject line of the email.
- All winners will be contacted during the week of April 9, 2018.
- Winners must sign a photo release form prior to receiving their sponsorship.
- To learn more about what is covered by A Bridge for Kids sponsorship please visit our web site, <http://abridgeforkids.org/>, and click on the “What We Do” tab.

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Application for Sponsorship

I. Advocate Information (teacher, parent, advisor, etc.)

Name _____

Relationship to Child _____

Phone _____

Email _____

II. Teen's Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Current School _____

Graduation Year _____