



ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: The Summer Essay Writing Competition is open to all students enrolled in grades third – eighth. Each entrant should submit a narrative writing consisting of exactly 500 words (not including title or author’s name) in response to the following prompt:

When we are faced with challenges and difficult situations, we sometimes discover strengths we did not know we had. Tell about a time when you recognized a new strength in yourself.

The writing piece must be on this topic and does not use inappropriate language or contents. This writing is the original work of the entrant not previously published. At the discretion of the Genesis Learning Services, all submissions may be published on the Genesis Learning Services’ website. Entrants retain copyright on his/her own individual work. All entrants must complete an Entry Form at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOhrxYHZSTZURiC4Flckz5lqVW6yVpdxAu1xNKUcBE0rBC3A/viewform>

Only one entry per person per year will be accepted.

Submission Guidelines: Final Essay Entries must be submitted to: 485 North Jeff Davis Drive; Fayetteville, GA 30214 or karen@genesiconsultinggroupllc.com. The submission should be submitted hardcopy and electronically to ensure that it is received. All entries should be at least 500 words. The standard format should be used for writing an essay: Introduction, 3 Body Paragraphs, and Conclusion. Entries should be typed, double-spaced, and Arial 12 font size.

Contest Dates: The contest opens Thursday, July 1, 2021 and ends July 23, 2021. The deadline for submission for the contest is 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2021. Entries received after July 23, 2021, will not be considered. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to get reminders of events and activities.

Selection: Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and length. All entries are blinded before judging. The identities of the winning authors are known only after the judging is completed and the winners selected.

Prizes: \$250 cash grand prizes will be awarded to one contestant in grades 3-5 and one contestant in grades 6-8. Runner-up receives \$100. Writings selected for publication on *Genesis Learning Services’ website*, but not selected as a grade-level winner, will be shared with community members and stakeholders for other possible writing competitions.

Decisions: The panel of judges consists of members of the members of the board and business partners. All decisions made by the judges are final.

Copyrights: The author retains all copyrights to the submitted work. At the discretion of Genesis Learning Services, winning pieces may be published online on the academy's website, newsletter, and other social media platforms used by Genesis. By entering the contest, you consent to the publication of your work if it is selected, and you grant permission for Genesis Learning Services to print the work and use in the future for publicity pieces, and other formats or contexts determined by, and at the discretion of, the school.

Notification: Winners will be announced at Genesis Learning Services' Family Expo from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2021. Winners will be notified by phone or email. Names of the winners will appear on the website and in other publicity pieces, including, but not limited to electronic announcements, press releases, and news articles.

Privacy Policy: Genesis Learning Services collects personal information for the purpose of notifying contest winners. All information submitted is kept in confidence, used solely for notification purposes, and shall not be made public by the academy. Genesis Learning Services does not lease, sell, or share personal information collected. Minor children must have parental permission to enter the contest.

Thank you for your essay submission and good luck!