



First Annual Rotary Essay Contest: Peace and Conflict Resolution

Sponsored by Manhattan Rotary Club and Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

Essay submission deadline: March 1, 2018

Peace and conflict resolution can be crucially important concerns at any level of society, from global and national issues of nuclear confrontation and ethnic conflict to local challenges of family violence, bullying, and interpersonal communication. This new Rotary-sponsored essay contest encourages high school students to explore and share their thoughts on any aspects of peace and conflict resolution that they regard as important. Contestants are especially encouraged, however, to include in their essays a consideration of ways in which they themselves might contribute to a more peaceful world, nation, or community.

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization (www.rotary.org) with a longstanding commitment to building peace at all levels of society. It has sponsored thousands of high school exchanges and international scholarships to strengthen international understanding. Rotary has funded Peace Fellowships for young and mid-career professionals from the U.S. and many other countries at Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution at leading universities around the world. In 2013 and 2015, local Rotary Clubs hosted Peace Forums drawing participants from throughout Northeast Kansas and beyond. This new Rotary Peace Essay Contest is a direct outgrowth of those initiatives. It is sponsored by the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club and the Manhattan Rotary Club and invites 9th grade to 12th grade level students residing in Riley and Pottawatomie counties to participate.

Guidelines: Eligible participants are 9th grade to 12th grade level students in Riley and Pottawatomie counties. Essays shall be no more than 1,000 words in length, typed, double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins on all sides of the page. All submissions must be original work and well written. Each essay will have a cover page which includes the title of the essay, the author's name, residential address and email address, and the word count (the number of words in the essay proper, not including the title page). Do not place your name or other identifying information on any other pages of the essay. Only the cover page will include this information. Each submission must be sent as a pdf attachment by email to:

RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com Submissions in any other format or sent to an email address other than RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com will not be considered. The submission becomes the property of the Rotary Peace Committee. The decisions of the judges are final. The essay submission deadline is March 1, 2018.

Prizes: The top three winners will receive cash awards and will each designate a 501(c) 3 charity to receive a donation of an equivalent amount. The first-place winner will receive \$250 and designate a \$250 donation. The second-place winner will receive \$150 and designate a \$150 donation. The third-place winner will receive \$100 and designate a \$100 donation. All participants will receive certificates of commendation.

Every essay is valued! A tremendous thank you to all participants!

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Questions may be sent to email: RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com