

Judging

Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants.

In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the Four-Way Test Entry Form and page 1 of the essay. The Four-Way Test Entry Form will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essays bearing only the assigned numbers.

Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged.

Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

Material Organization

In this category, the interpretation of the subject, a clear presentation of the writer's concept, dedication to research and the logical organization of the supporting facts should be considered.

Maximum point award is 60 points.

Vocabulary and Style

The choice of words, use of descriptive phrases, clear sentence structure and illustration of the topic are considered.

Maximum point award is 30 points.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Consider such factors as subject and verb agreement, plurals of nouns and tense.

Maximum point award is 10 points.