

# ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

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## ESSAY THEME:

**“How does integrity help build positive relationships?”**

### Contest Rules:

1. Open to all students grades 4-12 attending public, private, or home schools in Delaware County.
2. Students will write an original essay. Essays will be judged on the writer’s ability to effectively communicate the theme and on the appropriate use of illustrations and personal application.
3. Maximum word lengths:

*Division I	300 words	Grades 4-5
*Division II	600 words	Grades 6-8
*Division III	1000 words	Grades 9-12
4. An official entry form must be printed carefully by the student and submitted with the essay. To ensure anonymity in judging, the student name should appear **ONLY** on the entry form, not on the pages of the essay itself. Please **DO NOT** submit a cover sheet. Please include essay’s total number of words on last page.
5. Entries must be legible and may be typed, computer-generated, or handwritten.  
**Please include a word count.**
6. Entries must be post marked no later than **February 10, 2025.**
7. A panel of judges will select three winning essays in each division, and the decision of the judges will be final.
8. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 21, 2025 at an awards ceremony.
9. Each participating school may have up to two winning writers who receive \$20 each. The three top winners in each division will receive a plaque and a cash award.  
Elementary &  
Middle School: First prize winners receive \$250, Second prize \$150, and Third prize, \$100.  
High School: First prize. \$1000, Second prize \$500, and Third Prize \$250  
Each participating student will receive a certificate of participation.

All entries become the property of the Committee and may be displayed and/or published for community reading.

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