

# 2021 Peace Essay Contest

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead, Anthropologist  
Recipient of the Planetary Citizen of the Year Award, 1978.



**Division I (Grades 11-12) & Division II (Grades 9-10): 500-1000 words**  
**Division III (Grades 7-8) & Division IV (Grades 5-6): 250-500 words**

Regardless of whether you agree with others on the specifics of the challenges that the American people are facing, we can all agree that 2020 has been an unusual year. When life is bewildering, it is easy to fall into despair over the many things that seem wrong and hard to deal with. We forget that in spite of all the confusion and hardships, many people continue to be dedicated to peacefully making our world a better place for all who inhabit it.

It is a big task. One of the ways this is accomplished is by working with, or supporting, an organization dedicated to a particular concern. In spite of the restrictions of the Covid19 pandemic, many of these organizations have found innovative ways to keep working--adapting and changing their approach--in order to continue to be effective. Their constructive contributions offer hope that we, as Americans and as global citizens, can move through this difficult time and into a brighter future.

The 2021 Peace Essay Contest invites you to think about the needs in our world today. Then find out about a local, national or international organization that is working to meet one of those needs. In your essay,\*

- Describe a need that exists in our world today.
- Introduce an organization you found that is working to address that issue and describe how they are going about it.
- Explain why you think their work is important.
- Tell how you think the accomplishments of this organization promote peace and well-being for our world.

\*Please write in your own words. Do not cut and paste or copy directly from source material. A very limited amount of directly quoted words may be used if cited properly. See **2021 Peace Essay Rules and Submission Directions** for complete information.

**Deadline for Entries: DECEMBER 15, 2020**    **Notification of Winners: Late March, 2021**

AWARDS	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Honorable Mention
Division I and II	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50
Division III and IV	\$150	\$100	\$50	\$25

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