



CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST GUIDELINES

2008-2009 THEME: "Pride is Forever"

GOAL: To promote and encourage participation in becoming responsible citizens.

Using the theme provided, local units and councils are encouraged to conduct this contest at any time during the school year, but the **winning entries must be submitted to the State Office on or before March 1**. Each local unit and/or council may submit their three (3) best literature entries in each of the grade divisions.

- DIVISIONS:**
- 1 – Preschool through Kindergarten
 - 2 – Grades 1 through 2
 - 3 – Grades 3 through 5
 - 4 – Grades 6 through 8
 - 5 – Grades 9 through 12
 - 6 – Special Education

GUIDELINES:

1. All entries submitted shall be original work from one individual entrant and must represent the student's interpretation of the provided theme. **NO GROUP ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
2. Entrant must be enrolled in a PTA/PTSA school.
3. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by a Parent and/or Teacher verifying the original work of the student. The Citizenship Literature Contest Entry Form **must** be attached to the entry.
4. The student's name should be written on the back of each page, in case pages are separated.
5. Literature entries may be either hand written or typed (except Division 1) with the following written requirements:

Division 1 – Preschool through Kindergarten*	25+ words (see guidelines)
Division 2 – Grades 1 through 2	50+ words
Division 3 – Grades 3 through 5	100+ words
Division 4 – Grades 6 through 8	200+ words
Division 5 – Grades 9 through 12	350+ words
Division 6 – Special Education	50+ words

***Division 1 guidelines – Entries may be submitted on tape by the student.
Tape recordings accepted in this division only.**

ASSISTANCE IN WRITING:

- Students in Division 1 - Preschool and Kindergarten may record their entries.
- Students in Division 2 – Grades 1 through 2 and Division 6 – Special Education may dictate to another person who may type or write down the original work.
- Students in Divisions 3, 4 and 5 may have their entries typed by another person, as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.

Transcribers are not to alter the grammar or form of speech of the student. ENTRIES MUST BE TRANSCRIBED IN ORIGINAL FORM!!!

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SPECIFICATIONS:

A. Handwritten:

- May be either pencil or ink and on standard, lined notebook paper written by the entrant and verified on the entry form. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SPIRAL NOTEBOOK PAPER.
- Essays should have a space between each line of writing and should only be written on one side of the paper.
- Multiple page essays should be stapled together with each page numbered. The student's name MUST be written on the back of each page.
- Entry form should be attached to the front of the entry.

B. Typed:

- Essays typed by someone other than entrant must have original work attached and be verified on the entry form.
- Essay should be typed on 8 ½ x 11, white bond paper and double-spaced.
- Entry must be typed on one side only.
- Multiple page essays should be stapled with each page numbered. The student's name MUST be written on the back of each page.
- Entry forms should be attached to the front of the entry.

REMEMBER...

- A CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY.
- ENTRIES WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE FORM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING.

CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST - Student Entry Form



All entries must be submitted to the State Office on or before March 1st.
Send to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Avenue, Nashville TN 37212
1-888-782-5712 www.tnpta.org

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ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO THE FRONT OF EACH LITERATURE ENTRY

Name of Student _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of Parent _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of PTA/PTSA _____

Name of President _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

President's email address _____

Name of Chairman _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chairman's email address _____

Council _____ County _____ Region _____

Name of School _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Principal _____

Teacher _____ Grade of student _____

I affirm that this is my own original creative work _____
Student's Signature

Affirmed by _____
Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature

For additional information contact the Tennessee PTA state office or
contact the Tennessee PTA state citizenship chairman at: citizenship@tnpta.org.

CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST – Local Unit Entry Form



This report is required to be in the State Office on or before March 1st.
Send to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Avenue, Nashville TN 37212
1-888-782-5712 www.tnpta.org

Name of PTA/PTSA _____

Name of President _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

President's email address _____

Name of Chairman _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chairman's email address _____

Council _____ County _____ Region _____

EACH LOCAL UNIT MAY SUBMIT THREE ENTRIES IN EACH CATEGORY
FOR EACH DIVISION OF THE CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST.

Please print or type the names and other information. If not legible, certificates may be incorrect.

Division 1 (Preschool – Kindergarten)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

Division 2 (Grades 1 through 2)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

Division 3 (Grades 3 through 5)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

Division 4 (Grades 6 through 8)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

Division 5 (Grades 9 through 12)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

Division 6 (Special Education)

1. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ Grade _____

CITIZENSHIP REPORT – Local Unit



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Name of PTA/PTSA _____

Name of President _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

President's email address _____

Name of Chairman _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chairman's email address _____

Council _____ County _____ Region _____

1. Average meeting attendance _____

2. Citizenship Activities – Check all that apply.

A. Study or discussion groups:

_____ Cultural diversity _____ Patriotism: as love of the country and its people

_____ Respect for authority _____ Involvement in the community

B. Display and exhibits:

_____ The flag, the Pledge, its meaning _____ Appreciation for other cultures

_____ Special days commemorating Americans and our America

C. Community projects:

_____ Registration and voting requirements _____ Naturalization process

_____ Forum on child welfare (foster care, juvenile laws, child abuse, etc.)

D. _____ Attended Legislative Conference

E. _____ Sponsored a Citizenship Forum

F. _____ Presented Good Citizens Awards

G. _____ Presented a PTA/PTSA program on citizenship

(On additional paper answer the following questions)

3. Do your officers reflect the diversity within your PTA/PTSA (Consider gender, age, experience, race, etc.)?

4. What has your local unit done to promote better relations between any minority groups in your school or community?

5. List publication and audio/visual material used to promote citizenship and human relations.

**NOTE: Up to FOUR (4) single-sided pages may be attached to this form.
ANY REPORT NOT FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING.**