

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DREAM BIG?”

2018 Citizenship Essay Contest

DEADLINE: ENTRIES ARE DUE TO DISTRICT DIRECTORS BY FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children – tomorrow’s leaders. To demonstrate the value that Virginia PTA places on good citizenship, we are proud to sponsor, support, and encourage Virginia students to write an essay for the 2018 Citizenship Essay Contest. This year’s selected theme is “What Does it Mean to Dream Big?”

WHO CAN ENTER?

All Virginia students in grades K through 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA in Good Standing may enter. A non-graded Special Writer Division is available and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay, but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

CRITERIA:

In all categories, adherence to the theme as it relates to CITIZENSHIP, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and may not be altered in any way.

Students in grades 9 through 12 must write a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

Students in grades 6 through 8 must write a minimum of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

Students in grades 3 through 5 may submit a maximum of 250 words, typed or handwritten.

Students in grades K through 2 may submit a maximum of 100 words, typed or handwritten.

Special Writers may submit entries typed or handwritten.

AWARDS:

Students who place first in their category will be notified in the Spring. They will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publication, The VOICE, and on the Virginia PTA website. First place winners in each division will also receive a CASH PRIZE and will be recognized at a Virginia PTA Awards Event.

Students should contact their school’s PTA representative for their school’s deadline. Essays and completed applications must be submitted to Virginia PTA District Directors by February 1, 2018. Districts without a District Director should forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attention: Citizenship Essay, 1027 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227. Questions: Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at info@vapta.org or (804) 264-1234 or 866-4vakids.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2018 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT
“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DREAM BIG?”
Due to Virginia PTA District Director by February 1

CATEGORY: (Please select only one)

SPECIAL WRITER ___ **GRADE K - 2** ___ **GRADE 3 - 5** ___ **GRADE 6 - 8** ___ **GRADE 9 - 12** ___

NAME _____ **GRADE** _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **PHONE** _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT _____

COUNCIL PTA _____ **DISTRICT PTA** _____

I certify that this is the original work of the student. I also understand that, if selected, the essay will be published.

Student's Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

STATE AWARDS: 1st Place entries at the state level will win a cash prize.

(For District Use Only - Deadline for District to Submit the District's Winner is March 1)

I certify that this local unit is in good standing with Virginia PTA and meets all guidelines. I certify that this entry is a district winner and is forwarded to Virginia PTA for judging.

District Director's Signature

City/County and Virginia PTA District Listing

<u>City/County</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>District</u>
Accomack County	Eastern Shore	Lee County	Natural Tunnel
Albemarle County	Blue Ridge	Lexington City	Natural Bridge
Alexandria City	Northern Virginia	Loudoun County	Hunt
Allegheny County	Natural Bridge	Louisa County	Blue Ridge
Amelia County	Lynchburg	Lunenburg County	Lynchburg
Amherst County	Blue Ridge	Lynchburg City	Lynchburg
Appomattox County	Lynchburg	Madison County	Blue Ridge
Arlington County	Northern Virginia	Manassas City	Patriot
Augusta County	Shenandoah	Manassas Park City	Patriot
Bath County	Natural Bridge	Martinsville City	Dan River
Bedford County	Roanoke	Mathews County	Rappahannock Valley
Bland County	Big Walker	Mecklenburg County	Dan River
Botetourt County	Natural Bridge	Middlesex County	Rappahannock Valley
Bristol City	Holston	Montgomery County	Parkway
Brunswick County	James River	Nelson County	Blue Ridge
Buchanan County	Big Walker	New Kent County	Peninsula
Buckingham County	Lynchburg	Newport News City	Peninsula
Buena Vista City	Natural Bridge	Norfolk City	Tidewater
Campbell County	Lynchburg	Northampton County	Eastern Shore
Caroline County	Fredericksburg	Northumberland County	Rappahannock Valley
Carroll County	Parkway	Norton City	Natural Tunnel
Charles City County	Peninsula	Nottoway County	Lynchburg
Charlotte County	Lynchburg	Orange County	Fredericksburg
Charlottesville City	Blue Ridge	Page County	Shenandoah
Chesapeake City	Southeastern	Patrick County	Parkway
Chesterfield County	James River	Petersburg City	James River
Clarke County	Hunt	Pittsylvania County	Dan River
Colonial Beach	Fredericksburg	Poquoson City	Peninsula
Colonial Heights City	James River	Portsmouth City	Tidewater
Covington City	Natural Bridge	Powhatan County	Richmond
Craig County	Roanoke	Prince Edward County	Lynchburg
Culpeper County	Patriot	Prince George County	James River
Cumberland County	Lynchburg	Prince William County	Patriot
Danville City	Dan River	Pulaski County	Parkway
Dickenson County	Natural Tunnel	Radford City	Parkway
Dinwiddie County	James River	Rappahannock County	Patriot
Essex	Rappahannock Valley	Richmond City	Richmond
Fairfax City/County	Northern Virginia	Richmond County	Rappahannock Valley
Falls Church City	Northern Virginia	Roanoke City	Roanoke
Fauquier County	Patriot	Roanoke County	Roanoke
Floyd County	Parkway	Rockbridge County	Natural Bridge
Fluvanna County	Blue Ridge	Rockingham County	Shenandoah
Franklin City	Southeastern	Russell County	Holston
Franklin County	Roanoke	Salem City	Roanoke
Frederick County	Hunt	Scott County	Natural Tunnel
Fredericksburg City	Fredericksburg	Shenandoah County	Shenandoah
Galax City	Parkway	Smythe County	Holston
Giles County	Parkway	Southampton County	Southeastern
Gloucester County	Rappahannock Valley	Spotsylvania County	Fredericksburg
Goochland County	Richmond	Stafford County	Fredericksburg
Grayson County	Parkway	Staunton City	Shenandoah
Greene County	Blue Ridge	Suffolk City	Southeastern
Greensville County	Southeastern	Surry County	Southeastern
Halifax County	Dan River	Sussex County	Southeastern
Hampton City	Peninsula	Tazewell County	Big Walker
Hanover County	Richmond	Virginia Beach City	Tidewater
Harrisonburg City	Shenandoah	Warren County	Hunt
Henrico County	Richmond	Washington County	Holston
Henry County	Dan River	Waynesboro City	Shenandoah
Highland County	Shenandoah	Westmoreland County	Fredericksburg
Hopewell City	James River	West Point	Rappahannock Valley
Isle of Wight County	Southeastern	Williamsburg City	Peninsula
James City County	Peninsula	Winchester City	Hunt
King & Queen County	Rappahannock Valley	Wise County	Natural Tunnel
King George County	Fredericksburg	Wythe County	Big Walker
King William County	Rappahannock Valley	York County	Peninsula
Lancaster County	Rappahannock Valley		