



## **2018 Washington DC Essay Contest**

### **Official Rules**

#### **General**

- Participants must select an essay prompt from choices given
- Essays must be 1,000 – 1,500 words.
- Essays must be typed in 12 or 14 point Times New Roman font, double spaced.
- Essays must be the original work of the applicant.
- Applicants name should not appear anywhere on the essay itself, only on the entry form.
- Entry Form must be stapled to the front of the essay for submission
- Participant must be a Candia resident attending a school sponsored trip to Washington DC only

#### **Essay Prompts**

Please select one essay prompt from the list below:

- What does it mean to be a servant leader?
- How should we honor and look after our veterans, who have served and sacrificed on our behalf?
- Which of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment do you consider the most important? Explain your answer.

## **Judging Criteria**

Essays will be judged on the following criteria

- Craftsmanship (20 points)
- Content (55 points)
- Writing Mechanics (25 points)

*Craftsmanship* – This includes originality, neatness, proper and creative word use, organization and completeness of the essay. There should be a logical and easy to follow order to the essay.

*Content* – This is the essential part of the essay. It must include the main and supporting ideas of the writer on the theme. The theme should be clearly addressed. The main ideas presented must be thoroughly discussed. Examples, observations, studies, experience, and activities that support the main ideas of the essay may be discussed.

*Writing Mechanics* - Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, paragraphing and consistency in tense is expected. Participants are strongly encouraged to proofread their work and/or have a teacher or parent proofread the essay.

## **Prize**

The Candia Community Woman's Club will award up to \$900 to the essay contest winner. The final amount to be awarded will be determined by the scholarship selection committee, through a blind selection process.

## **Timeline**

- Applications and essay details available January 12, 2018.
- Moore School student essays are due to Mr. Pritchard on February 22, 2018. If attending a school other than Moore School, please submit them to [dcscholarship@candiwomansgroup.org](mailto:dcscholarship@candiwomansgroup.org).
- Essay contest winners contacted and announced on the Candia Community Woman's Club website ([www.candiwomansgroup.org](http://www.candiwomansgroup.org)).



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### Entry Form – Please print or type clearly

*Essays cannot be considered without this form.*

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

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Sign below to verify essay is completely the student's own work; he/she copied nothing.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name, printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**STAPLE THIS ENTRY FORM TO THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY**

### CCWC USE ONLY

Essay received: \_\_\_\_\_ Essay #: \_\_\_\_\_