



Scholarship Essay Contest Proposal

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The Prompts

- ❑ 14-17 year olds
 - ❑ What have you learned from hosting an exchange student? How has this experience changed your perspective about yourself, your community, and the world?
- ❑ 10-13 year olds
 - ❑ Reflect on your experience hosting an exchange student. Do you see yourself differently? How so? Do you see the world differently? How so? What have you learned from this experience?
- ❑ 7-9 year olds
 - ❑ What have you learned from your exchange brother/sister? Do you feel different than you did before they came?

Host Family Demographics

- ❑ Children aged 14 to 17 years old: 4
- ❑ Children aged 10-13 years old: 1
- ❑ Children aged 7-9 years old: 6
- ❑ Children aged 3-6 years old: 6

Contest Categories & Prizes

- ★ Age Groups: Compete on combined score of writing skill/entertainment, grammar/spelling, and how much they really reflected on the prompt.
 - 7-9 year olds (300 words). **1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$150 (Total: \$950)**
 - 10-13 year olds (800 words). **1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$150 (Total: \$950)** (Since there is only 1 in this age group, actual cost would only be \$500)
 - 14-17 year olds (1300 words). **1st: \$750, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$250 (Total: \$1500)**
- ★ Overall winner: The essay that leaves the greatest impression and reflects the greatest learning experience. **\$5,000**
- ★ Honorable mentions (everyone who does not win a prize): **\$50 (Total: \$150)**
- ★ Total prizes: **\$8,550 (\$8,100)**

Logistics

- ❑ Contest rollout announcement: November 1, 2023
 - ❑ Email announcement to HFs and website
- ❑ Submissions due: April 30th, 2024
 - ❑ Email to contests@ajourneythrueducation.org
- ❑ Judges: Janet Ebersole, Erni Molina, and TBD
- ❑ Announcement of winners: May 31st, 2024 - payout by end of June
 - ❑ Zoom meeting for ceremony and page on website with photo and winning essay(s)