



GT STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Gifted And Talented Education (MCGATE) and the Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education (MSDE)

Maryland Gifted and Talented students in public school grades 6-12 are invited to participate in an essay contest titled,

“What have gifted education opportunities meant to me?”

This is your opportunity to let everyone know that gifted education is important and necessary for all high potential students in Maryland.

Prize:

The first place winner selected from each category, Middle School and High School, will receive \$50.00, a certificate and a letter of recognition that will be sent to their local Superintendents. In addition, all winners will be given a special invitation to the Maryland State Department of Education’s *Celebrating Gifted and Talented Education Reception!*

Rules:

- Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, and should be no longer than three pages.
- Attach the completed application form to the essay.
- Contest winners will be required to send an electronic copy of the essay as a Word document to allow format adjustments when published on the MCGATE website.
- Entries must be postmarked or emailed by **January 5, 2018**.

WHAT HAVE GIFTED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES MEANT TO ME?

Essays should include your responses to the following questions:

1. In what ways has your school’s gifted and talented programs helped you to pursue your interests and develop your talents?
2. What are your short-term goals (in the next few years) and long-term goals (college and career)?
3. Think about a teacher who has helped you develop your talents. Describe how he/she has impacted your life.
4. How would your life be different if you had not had the opportunity to participate in programs for gifted and talented students?

Essay contest winners will be notified by January 28, 2018. The competition is open to any Maryland public school student in grades 6-12 who now participates or has participated in special programs for gifted and talented learners.

Please submit any questions to: info@mcgate.org



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Student Essay Contest Application

Please complete this form and send it with the essay to: info@mcgate.org

Or send this application form with the essay by regular mail to:

Mrs. Yvonne Golczewski
1823 Morning Brook Dr, Forest Hill, MD 21050

Please TYPE or PRINT clearly:

Student's Full Name: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

School District: _____

Home Address: _____

Student's Email: _____

Parent's or Guardian's Email: _____

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked or emailed by January 5, 2018

I hereby authorize the Maryland Coalition for Gifted and Talented Education (MCGATE) to use, reproduce, and/or publish my child's winning essay. I understand that this material may appear on the MCGATE website at www.mcgate.org and/or in a MCGATE e-newsletter. It may be shared with the child's school principal, gifted education coordinator, teacher, district superintendent and/or state legislator. The name of the winner's school, school district, and/or grade level may also be indicated. If deemed necessary, the essay may be edited due to any possible errors or limitations.

For your child, please indicate which you prefer we use for publication of his/her essay:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Name | <input type="checkbox"/> First Initial and Last Name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Name and Last Initial | <input type="checkbox"/> Initials Only |

With my signature, I agree to these terms.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

- Yes, I want to receive occasional newsletters for gifted news, events and advocacy opportunities.

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