



The Rotary Club of Powhatan's *Writing Challenge 2012*

"An Ideal Community"

An Essay Contest for Students in Grades 3-12

INTRODUCTION:

What would an ideal community be like? What makes a particular community a wonderful place to live? Although most residents of Powhatan already consider their community a great place to live, there might be some changes or additions that they feel would make it even better. The Rotary Club of Powhatan's **2012 Writing Challenge Essay Contest** asks students to think about the features that make a community an ideal place to live. Secondly, the contest requires students to describe a change, addition, or improvement they would like to see in Powhatan.

Writing Challenge Essay Rules:

1. Student essays in Grades 3-8 will be no more than 250 words and may be either handwritten or typed with double spacing. Essays from Grades 9-12 will be no more 500 words and must be typed with double spacing.
2. Essays must be submitted to their teacher and/or school designee by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 in order to be considered an entry in the *Writing Challenge* Essay Contest. No late entries will be accepted.
3. All submitted essays must include a title, the student's name, the name of their Language Arts or English teacher, and the name of the school.
4. The following grade level groupings and prizes apply:
Grades 3-4 winner: \$100 and 2nd Place \$50

Grades 5-6 winner: \$400 and 2nd Place \$200

Grades 7-8 winner: \$400 and 2nd Place \$200

Grades 9-12 winners: 1st Place \$1,000 and 2nd Place \$500



Writing Challenge Essay Requirements (100 Total Points)

Student essays will be judged on their coverage of the following topics and criteria.

Part One: What makes an ideal community? (40 points)

What features do you consider to be the most important in the making of an ideal community? For example, some residents might feel that good schools and good roads are very important while others might be more concerned about the appearance of the community. Describe **two** features that you consider to be the most significant in determining an ideal community and explain why you chose them.

Part Two: What change, addition, or improvement would you like to see in Powhatan County? (40 points)

- A. Describe **one** change, addition, or improvement you would like to see in your community.
- B. Clearly explain how your suggestion would help to make Powhatan an ideal community.

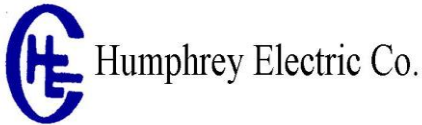
Part Three: Is the student essay creative and well-written? (20 points)

Student essays will also be judged on composition skills and creativity.



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