



Hey Parents!

It is time for the DFCA Essay Scholarship Contest
which means...

This is an IDEAL time for you to Take 5 to talk!



This year's topic explores the power that your child holds in being a positive influence upon his or her friends, classmates, teammates, and even family members. But did you know that...

When asked, over

80%

of teens will say that the most influential person in their life is their parent?

Take advantage of this contest as a perfect moment to spark a conversation about ways your child's choices may be swayed. ***Has your child ever found his or herself in a situation where it was difficult not to be negatively influenced – or when it was hard to stand up as a positive example to others? What did they do – or would they do something different looking back?***

Please read through the rest of this year's scholarship information, and encourage your son or daughter to participate. This contest is open to ALL active members – REGARDLESS of their grade! The award comes in the form of a check to be used for education related expenses such as tuition, fees, equipment, books, supplies, etc. (in accordance to IRS code 117).

Take a look on the back, and discuss this topic tonight!



\$4,000.00 Essay Scholarship Contest 2016



Contest Details – must be followed without exception:

- **Two \$2000.00 prizes** will be awarded for excellence in performance in this contest.
- To enter, submit this completed application and a **one-page, typed, single-spaced** essay to DFCA (10361 Spartan Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio 45215) or email to drugfreeclubs@gmail.com.
- Member’s name, school, and grade must be at the top of the essay answer.
- All applications and essays **must be postmarked or emailed by midnight 3/24/14**.
- All submissions become the property of Drug Free Clubs of America.
- Qualifying essays will be read and voted on by judges with the school and name removed, only the grade will remain. Essays receiving the most votes by judges will win.
- Awards will come in check form, payable to the member, to be cashed and used for education expenses such as tuition, fees, equipment, books, supplies, in accordance to IRS code 117.

Some of the most powerful forces in a young person’s life are their friends, and classmates. Do a little research on peer influence, and maybe even on group dynamics. Then think about what you discovered, and answer these two question in a 1-page essay (typed, single space)

1. Why do you think it is, or is not, important for you be a good influence on others such as your friends, family, and classmates?
2. How does your membership in Drug Free Clubs of America affect your ability to do this?

Agreement (complete and submit with essay):

- I, _____ (PRINT DFCA Member’s name)
- Understand that I can only receive award funds if I am an active member of DFCA throughout the *entire* contest period (including the judging and winner announcements).
 - Promise that everything in the application and essay is true and is my original work.
 - Am aware that my essay and authorship become the property of Drug Free Clubs of America, and can be used by DFCA for any program or promotional purposes.
 - Agree that contest decisions made by Drug Free Clubs of America and/or the Essay Scholarship Award judges are final and may not be contested.

Member Signature _____ **DATE** _____

Grade _____ School _____

Address: _____

(Street Number , Street Name)

(Apt. #)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **DATE** _____

This application may be copied as needed. Call Heather at (513) 772-4480 with any questions.