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essay contest

Why I will
SAY NO TO



ALCOHOL & DRUGS



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The Washington State Law Enforcement Association is a nonprofit organization with membership open to all law enforcement officers working with city police, county sheriffs' departments, highway patrol and other state and local agencies throughout Washington.

The basic goals of WSLEA are to improve the effectiveness and professionalism of law enforcement in Washington State and to implement or support a wide range of community related programs and services.

These activities include:

- Partnering with AT&T in supporting their "It Can Wait" campaign against texting while driving.
- Sponsoring high school anti-bullying programs that educate and mentor students regarding issues of acceptance, tolerance and bullying, and help students make the schools a safer place.
- Drug and alcohol essay contest offered to all middle schools.
- Funding assistance for law enforcement training.
- Scholarship programs for law enforcement professionals taking continuing education courses approved by the Criminal Justice Training Commission.
- Better safety laws for the citizens of our community.
- Stronger laws on behalf of law enforcement officers to help prevent injury or death while in the line of duty.
- Support for the families of fallen officers, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), and Behind the Badge Foundation.

The members of the WSLEA are committed to providing the citizens of Washington with the very best in law enforcement services. Community support is essential to the Association's efforts, and the entire membership of the organization greatly appreciates your support and participation.

 Please make copies of the entry form to the left, and post the flyer (other side) on your 8th grade bulletin boards. Additional copies may be printed from the WSLEA web site.

Official Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

County: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher: _____

**Why I will Say NO to
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23RD ANNUAL 8TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

Please make copies of this form available to your students. Entries received without this form will be disqualified. All entries must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2017.
Thank you!

Mail entries to:

WSLEA Essay Contest
6947 Coal Creek Pkwy SE
PMB 447
Newcastle, WA 98059



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prizes
totalling
\$2,750

Three cash prizes will be
awarded in each of the five
districts of the state for a
total of fifteen prizes,
plus one overall
Grand Prize
winner.

Grand Prize: \$ 500
5 First Place: \$ 200
5 Second Place: \$ 150
5 Third Place: \$ 100

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CONTEST RULES

- 1 This contest is open to any student who is enrolled in a Washington eighth-grade class during the 2016-2017 school year.
- 2 All essays must address the theme: *Why I will say NO to Alcohol & Drugs*
- 3 The essay must be less than 750 words. Any entry received with more than 750 words will be disqualified. The essays may be either typewritten or legibly handwritten.
- 4 **All entries must be submitted with an entry form and must be signed by the student. The form is on the back of this pamphlet and can be photocopied by the school.**
- 5 For each school participating in the contest, the WSLEA requests that the school principal or class instructor select and **submit only the three best essays from all eighth-grade students who have submitted their work.** This will assist the Association judges in choosing the overall winner from a smaller number of prejudged finalists.
- 6 Please note the criteria the Association judges will use to select winners is based primarily on the **essay content and message** with only minor consideration for spelling and punctuation.
- 7 A statement from the parent/guardian, teacher or school principal must accompany each entry attesting that to the best of his/her knowledge, the essay was written unaided (except for appropriate research and reference). A single statement from a teacher or principal is sufficient for a group of entries submitted from the same class or school.
- 8 All winners will be contacted through their schools, by phone or by mail.
- 9 **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2017.**
- 10 Entries become the property of the WSLEA. No entries will be returned, and we are not liable for any lost or missing entries. The WSLEA reserves the right to reproduce any entries for publication or publicity and to publicize the names of the winners.