



WASHINGTON STATE PTA - AWARDS APPLICATION

# Men's Essay

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## PTA MEN: Partners in Making a Difference

**Washington State PTA invites all children to enter an ESSAY CONTEST!**

Men make a difference in the lives of the children they care about, and children are more successful in and out of school when they have the guidance of an involved male role model — a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, step-father, teacher, mentor, neighbor, pastor/priest, coach, or friend. Washington State PTA advocates for all children and all families, and as part of that advocacy we are promoting a statewide essay contest that explores this vital relationship - from our children's perspective.

### Judging Criteria

Essays will be judged by Washington State PTA representatives, in accordance with state education recognized standards of good writing. (The Essential Academic Learning Requirement for good writing is online at [www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/Writing/pubdocs/pdf/writing.pdf](http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/Writing/pubdocs/pdf/writing.pdf))

Consideration will be given for:

- Content: development of concept and organization of ideas (50%)
- Style: use of voice, word choice and sentence fluency (30%)
- Conventions: spelling, sentence structure, punctuation, and capitalization (20%)

#### JUDGING PROCESS:

All entries received by the March 1st deadline will be reviewed by a panel of judges.

One winner per age division listed below:

- K-2 grade
- 3-5 grade
- 6-8 grade
- 9-12 grade

### Prizes and Recognition

- All contest applicants will be acknowledged with a certificate of participation.
- Each statewide finalist will be recognized at the Washington State PTA convention at the DoubleTree Hotel in SeaTac, May 4-6, 2012.
- His/Her essay posted on the WSPTA website and published in a future edition of The Child Advocate magazine.
- A prize will be awarded to each winning entrant

### Notification

A list of winners will be posted on the Washington State PTA website at the beginning of May. All winners will be notified by mail and/or email on or before April 1, 2012.

**For updated information on the  
PTA Men: Partners in Making a Difference program, visit:  
[www.wastatepta.org/programs/PTAmen.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/PTAmen.htm)**



## Official Rules

All entries shall include an essay no more than 650 words that describes how a male role model — a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, stepfather, teacher, mentor, neighbor, pastor/priest, coach, or friend - any male who plays a role in your personal life.

Entries must include an **ENTRY FORM** (see below) including your full name, address, age, grade level, school, telephone number and email address. Essays must be typed or handwritten legibly on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper. Limit of one entry per person. Multiple entries from a single person will automatically be disqualified. Please no classroom projects.

Entries must be mailed with first-class postage affixed to:

Mike Lowery  
ESSAY CONTEST  
1028 Cedar Ave  
Richland, WA 99354

*All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.*

### ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all Washington State children K-12 in public, private or home-school settings. Each entrant warrants and represents that his/her essay is original, has not been written by a parent or professional writer or previously won a prize, and does not infringe the copyright or other proprietary rights of any third party.

### NOTICE:

All essays become the property of WSPTA and will not be returned. Submission of an essay grants Washington State PTA exclusive rights to use the essay and entrant's name for commercial or noncommercial use, including but not limited to public presentation of the work and reproduction of the work in print, electronic, and multimedia formats.

## Entry Form

Please complete this form in full and attach it to your essay. PRINT CLEARLY USING BLUE OR BLACK INK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA/PTSA Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PTA #: \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Legal Guardian Written Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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