



# PTA Men's Essay Contest

## Men Making a Difference

Instructions and Application Form 2018-19

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### PTA Men's Essay Contest - Men Making a Difference

This state-wide essay contest explores the important and varied contributions that men make in the lives and education of children – from our children's perspective. All men involved in a child's life—fathers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches and friends – impact the children they care about. Research clearly shows that male involvement positively influences academic success at all levels of schooling—preschool through college. When male figures are involved with student's schooling, they enjoy school more and perform better in and out of school. This contest has multiple age divisions and reaches out to every local PTA, council, region and ultimately every family in our state.

- Essays will be scored on the current state learning standards for writing. Essays will be scored on content, organization, language/conventions, and style per the attached judging form.
- Deadline for submissions: **post marked no later than March 1, 2019.**
- Entries must include completed and signed entry form, typed or handwritten legibly on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper and be no more than 650 words.
- Essays will not be returned, please keep a copy for your records.
- One entry per student, multiple entries from one student will be disqualified.
- Open to all Washington state children K-12 in public, private or home-school settings.
- Each entry must be an original, not written by parent or professional, has not previously won a prize and does not infringe the copyright or other proprietary rights of any third party.

### Objective:

The contest is for students of all ages to write an essay about a male role model that has had a profound impact on their life. The objective is to help promote male engagement around the state of Washington.

When writing their essays, students can consider many questions including (but not limited to):

- Why is this male role model important in your life?
- What life lessons, ethics, or skills have they taught you?
- Why do you look up to him and appreciate having him in your life?
- How would your life be different without this person?
- How would other kids benefit from having a similar role model in their life?

### Divisions:

For details on each division visit the [WSPTA website](#).

- ✓ Special Author – Elementary division (kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ✓ Special Author – Secondary division (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ✓ **Kindergarten**
- ✓ Grades 1 - 2
- ✓ Grades 3 - 5
- ✓ Grades 6 - 8
- ✓ Grades 9 - 12



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### APPLICATION:

<b>Student First &amp; Last Name:</b>		<b>Student Grade Level:</b>	
<b>Division (Please circle one):</b>	Special Author- Elementary	Kindergarten	Grades 3-5
	Special Author – Secondary	Grades 1 & 2	Grades 6-8
			Grades 9-12
<b>Essay Word Count (650-word maximum):</b>			
<b>Student Address:</b>			
<b>Student City &amp; Zip Code:</b>		<b>Student Phone Number:</b>	
<b>School Name:</b>		<b>School City:</b>	
<b>PTA/PTSA Name:</b>		<b>PTA/PTSA#:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian First &amp; Last Name:</b>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Email:</b>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Phone:</b>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>			

By signing this, application you are allowing WSPTA to use the student information/image and essay in all publications that pertain to WSPTA. All essays become the property of WSPTA and will not be returned.

**Mailing Information:** Washington State PTA  
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