

Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition

Open to all Palm Beach County Public and Private Middle and High School Students



Sponsored by the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews

Submission Deadline:
March 1, 2019, at 5:00 pm

Questions?

Call the Fellowship at 561-833-6150 or write to info@palmbeachfellowship.net.

Win Prizes!

► Students

The top essay, visual artwork, video, and music entries will receive cash prizes and be featured on the Palm Beach Fellowship's website, social media, and newsletter.

At the discretion of the judges, additional awards may be presented, and awards may not be given in all categories.

► Teachers

The supervising teachers of winning students will receive a gift card for classroom supplies (*max 1 per teacher*).

Awards Ceremony Information

Winning students will be notified in late March; awards will be presented at an event in the spring to be announced.

Visual Art entries (paintings, sculpture, sketches, photography) will be displayed at the awards event and may be picked up at the end of the event. Please make copies of Music and Video entries as they will not be returned.

2019 Competition Topic: Hope

- Have you ever experienced something difficult in your life?

- Have you responded to the challenge by tapping into your sense of hope to overcome it?

- How does it feel to experience hope in the face of despair?

- Do you have hope not only for yourself but also for your family, community, country, or the world?

Instructions and Guidelines

Drawing inspiration from your own life and the quotes at right, write an essay or poem or create a piece of art or music or a video that explores the topic of HOPE. Reflect on what the writers are thinking, how they interpret this abstract word in a concrete way, and how they help us understand and think more deeply about the subject.

Some sample concepts to consider:

- how you tapped into your sense of hope when confronted with a difficult challenge
- what gave you inner strength to have hope in spite of feeling frightened or sad
- why you should consider having hope not only for yourself but for others as well, such as a friend in distress (and how you helped restore his or her sense of hope)
- your feeling of hope (or lack of it) for your family, community, country, or world

Limit your essay to 500 words.

If submitting artwork, music, or a video, write a brief essay about your work as well, explaining your creative process and what you are trying to convey.

Please print clearly. Entries must be received by March 1, 2019.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

School _____

School Address _____

School City/State/ZIP _____

Principal/Headmaster _____

Supervising Teacher _____

Teacher's E-mail Address _____

School Telephone _____

Parent(s) _____

Parent(s) Contact Information (Telephone and/or E-mail) _____

◀ Entry Form



*"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
 That perches in the soul -
 And sings the tune without the words -
 And never stops at all.
 - first stanza of "Hope" is the
 thing with feathers by poet
 Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)*



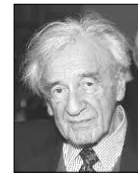
*When we meet real tragedy
 in life, we can react in two ways -
 either by losing hope and falling
 into self-destructive habits, or by
 using the challenge to find our
 inner strength.
 - Dalai Lama (1935 -)*



*Where there's hope, there's life.
 It fills us with fresh courage and
 makes us strong again.
 - Anne Frank, Holocaust victim,
 diarist (1929-1945)*



*We must accept finite
 disappointment, but never lose
 infinite hope.
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.,
 civil rights leader (1929-1968)*



*Just as man cannot live without
 dreams, he cannot live without hope.
 If dreams reflect the past, hope
 summons the future.
 - Elie Wiesel, author, Auschwitz
 survivor, Nobel Peace Prize
 recipient (1928-2016)*

► **Complete the form at left and securely attach to the back of your entry. Please do not identify yourself or your school anywhere on the front of the entry.** The blank form may be photocopied if you need more.

► **Submit entry with completed form to:**
 Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews
 PO Box 507, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

To deliver in person, the Fellowship is located in the Paramount Building at 139 N. County Road #28, Palm Beach.

Multiple entries from the same class or school may be sent in together. Send entries well in advance of the deadline to ensure receipt on time.

Incomplete/incorrect/late entries will not be accepted.