



2019 MICHIGAN CHARTER SCHOOLS Essay Contest

“How I’m impacting my community”

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘what are you doing for others?’”

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We all play a part in our communities. By getting involved and helping others around you, you not only help make your community become stronger but you also better yourself. You learn to work as a team, see a bigger picture of the world, and give hope and inspiration to others. Great leaders build up those around them.

This year we want to hear your inspirational stories of how you are impacting your community and the people in it. Whether you are volunteering at a local event, helping a neighbor bring in groceries, or making a difference in your school environment – the smallest actions can have the biggest impact in the lives of others.

We can’t wait to hear your stories! Submit your essay for a chance to win!

PRIZES: 1st Place: 6-8: \$100 & a trophy 9-12: \$100 & a trophy
2nd Place: 6-8: \$50 & a certificate 9-12: \$50 & a certificate
3rd Place: 6-8: \$25 & a certificate 9-12: \$25 & a certificate
Honorable Mentions: Certificates
Classroom Prize: It’s a surprise!

JUDGING: Our panel of judges will be looking for creativity, cohesive story telling, grammar usage, writing skills, and of course – heart!

WORD COUNT SUGGESTION:

Grades 6-8: between 250 and 400 words

Grades 9-12: between 450 and 550 words

HOW TO ENTER: 6-12th grade students in Michigan charter schools are invited to enter. Only one entry per student, please. Students must submit a typed essay by mail, email, or through our website by Friday, March 29th. Winners will be announced during National Charter Schools Week in May.

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MUST INCLUDE: Submissions must include the student’s name and grade, teacher’s name, school’s name, and either a telephone number or email address.

QUESTIONS: To learn more, visit www.charterinstitute.org/essaycontest. For further questions, contact us at (989) 317-3510 or essaycontest@charterinstitute.org.

DEADLINE: Submissions must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 29th