



2020 MICHIGAN  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

# Essay Contest

#schoolbrag

I have the BEST teacher! She's always making us laugh :)  
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#essaycontest2020



## It's time to shine the light on your school. Share your best #schoolbrag

We want to showcase your school pride! Tell us what makes your school special. Go ahead—brag about it!

This year we want to hear your best #schoolbrag. Tell us why your school is so great! Is it an awesome teacher? Is it the friendly environment? Does your school inspire you to be your best self and dream bigger? Submit your essay for a chance to win!

And this year, teachers and principals can join in on the fun! We are featuring a special prize for the best #schoolbrag post on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. **Just tag your posts with “#schoolbrag #essaycontest2020.”**

## Contest Details

### ESSAY PRIZES:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** 6-8: \$100 & a trophy      9-12: \$100 & a trophy  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 6-8: \$50 & a certificate      9-12: \$50 & a certificate  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** 6-8: \$25 & a certificate      9-12: \$25 & a certificate

### BEST SOCIAL MEDIA POST PRIZE:

**\$100 & a trophy.** Open to students, teachers, principals, school staff, board members, and authorizers. To enter, tag your posts with “#schoolbrag #essaycontest2020” on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter.

**CONTEST RULES:** 6-12th grade students in Michigan charter schools are invited to enter our annual essay contest. Only one entry per student. Our panel of judges will be looking for creativity, cohesive story telling, grammar usage, writing skills, and of course – heart!

### WORD COUNT:

- Grades 6-8: between 250 and 400 words  
 Grades 9-12: between 450 and 550 words

**WHEN SUBMITTING:** Please include the student's name and grade, teacher's name, school's name, and either a contact phone number or email address. Students must submit a typed essay by mail, email, or through our website by **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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