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Student Essay Contest

★ ★ ★ ★ The Fred Winn Democratic Party Essay Contest ★ ★

1st Place

\$1,500 cash prize

2nd Place

\$750 cash prize

3rd Place

\$500 cash prize



QUESTION:

"Of the many changes to voting laws proposed or passed by state legislatures across the country, discuss any you think would protect the vote and/or any that you think would suppress the vote."



Sponsored by Democrats of El Dorado County

★ ★ ESSAY CONTEST ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The contest is open to junior and senior students from all public high schools in El Dorado County (including El Dorado High School District, Golden Sierra and South Lake Tahoe). Students will submit their essays to Democrats of El Dorado County no later than **January 31, 2022** and **fill out and sign the ESSAY CONTEST FORM.**

Winners will be awarded their prizes between March and April.

Judging Criteria:

- ★ Originality: research is encouraged, but students should present their own ideas.
- ★ Persuasiveness and consistency of the argument and evidence.
- ★ Clarity and logic of the presentation.
- ★ Proper grammar, word choice, spelling & citations (crediting sources).

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Submission Requirements

- ★ Essays must be a minimum of 900 words and no more than 1200 words in length, double spaced in 11 or 12 point type with each page numbered and a total word count appearing on Entry Form and on the last page. Students must cite all sources of information used in researching and writing their essays, observing the correct forms of citation and quotation.
- ★ Students must produce original work and submit only one essay.
- ★ FOUR copies of the essay must be submitted: the original and three copies, each stapled in the upper lefthand corner (no other types of binding please).
- ★ No email or fax submissions will be accepted. Students must not include their name, grade level or school name on any page of their essay.
- ★ The title of the essay should appear both at the top of the first page of the essay and on the entry form. Upon receipt, a unique number will be assigned to each submission and the entry form. The judges will receive only anonymous copies.
- ★ Essays will be judged by a panel of three. No judge may be a member of an El Dorado County Democratic Club. The decision of the judges will be final.

Applications and information are available at:
www.EDCdems.org



★ ★ ESSAY FORM ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Grade Level _____ Student's Age _____

School Name _____

Home Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Title of Essay _____

Word Count _____

I understand and agree to the submission requirements. Democrats of El Dorado County shall have the right to use the student's name, photograph and essay submitted in connection with any and all publicity and promotional activities regarding this contest. All entries become the property of the Democrats of El Dorado County and will not be returned. Democrats of El Dorado County accept no liability whatsoever for the loss or non-receipt of student essays. All winners must furnish the Democrats of El Dorado County with appropriate tax documentation (i.e. valid W-9 forms) in order to receive cash awards. All taxes on prizes are the responsibility of winners. The decision of the judges will be final.

signature of student

date

signature of parent/guardian

date

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN
JANUARY 31, 2022**

**Mail this form and required
copies of your essay to:**

Democrats of El Dorado County,
P.O. Box 762, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

