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## KIRKWOOD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2024 ESSAY CONTEST

**KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI:** The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission will once again sponsor an Essay Contest for Juniors in public, private, and home schools within the boundaries of the Kirkwood R-7 School District.

**ESSAY TOPIC:** "What is the most important human rights issue currently? Why?"

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** The Contest is open to all 11th grade students enrolled at Kirkwood High School, Vianney High School, or Ursuline Academy, all 11th grade Kirkwood residents enrolled elsewhere, and all 11th grade home-schooled students residing within the Kirkwood School District.

**ESSAY RULES:** The essay should be 500 to 750 words in length, typed, double-spaced, in 12 font size, with one-inch margins. The pages should be numbered. The author's name, age, address, telephone number, email address and high school (or "home-schooled") should be on the first page.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Thematic Maturity - How the essay demonstrates the ability to write in a logical, organized manner that easily and efficiently conveys meaning.
- Content - How the essay expresses ideas that are substantive and workable.
- Communication - The essay should be understandable with good sentence and paragraph construction, attention paid to spelling and grammar, and formatted according to aforesaid Essay Rules.

**SUBMISSION:** Essays can be submitted by mail or in-person to Jessica Winter, Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Rd., 63122. By email (only as an attachment, i.e., do not send in the body of the email or as a cloud-based document) to [winterja@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:winterja@kirkwoodmo.org).

**DEADLINE:** 11:59 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024.

(ESSAYS RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.)

**AWARDS:** First Place: \$100 | Second Place: \$75 | Third Place: \$50 | Fourth Place: \$25

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