

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST  
INDIANA STATE PTA  
**2010 – 2011**

***THEME: “What Being Free Means to Me...”***

GUIDELINES:

1. Each essay is limited to 2 PAGES, FRONT SIDE ONLY
2. EACH ESSAY MUST BE TYPED (**via computer**), DOUBLE SPACED, WITH NO REDUCTION IN PRINT. Please use a font no smaller than size 12.
3. The student's name, grade, or school must NOT appear anywhere on/in the essay
4. The essay must be the original work of the student
5. Only PTA/PTSA schools, in good standing, may participate. To be a unit “in good standing” with the Indiana PTA the, a unit must submit the following to the Indiana PTA State Office
  - **Officers’ List**
  - A **current Financial Report** following the yearly audit postmarked/hand delivered by the November 15 deadline
  - **Current Bylaws**...Reviewed and Approved every three years
  - **Membership Dues** postmarked/hand delivered by November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline
6. Each unit may submit 2 ENTRIES PER GRADE LEVEL, Grades 4-12
7. Each entry must have a completed, typed Student Citizenship Essay Contest entry form stapled to the BACK of the essay; one entry form is enclosed for your use; copies may be made for additional entries.
8. One Student Citizenship Essay Contest **Unit** Form must be included with your student essays.
9. Entries may be disqualified if entry forms are not completely filled out
10. **Each entry must be POSTMARKED/HAND DELIVERED no later than January 15, 2011.**
11. Mail entries to:

**Deb Fox, Citizenship Coordinator**  
**5226 Riviera Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**  
**(H) 260-484-3877 or (C) 260-403-2514**  
**djfox1@verizon.net**
12. Judging will be by the following divisions: Grades 4 & 5; 6 thru 8; and 9 thru 12
13. Only PTA/PTSA essays with the theme "What Being Free Means to Me..." will be judged.
14. First place winners in each division will receive a gold medallion and a certificate
15. Second place winners in each division will receive a silver medallion and a certificate
16. Third place winners in each division will receive a bronze medallion and a certificate
17. All students submitting entries to the State level will receive certificates
18. All winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd.) in each division will be invited to attend the Citizenship/Reflections Event held in the spring of 2010. First place winners **ONLY** each division and **ONE** accompanying adult will receive a complimentary event in ticket.
19. Points may be deducted for any guidelines not met.
20. Judging will be based on relevance to theme, grammar, completion of appropriate forms and content of essay.