

The Reich–Henderson Writing Competition

Student Engagement in Social Justice



The Reich–Henderson Writing Competition honors the lifelong dedication of Dr. Robert “Doc” Reich and Ms. Paula Henderson to promote peace and social justice. Doc was a founding member of the University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge and a committed teacher at Louisiana State University. Paula was an educator, social activist and dedicated member of the Unitarian Church. Both were tireless advocates for the disenfranchised members of our community.

Essay Topic:

Write an essay in which you describe a social justice problem that you have observed in your community, either first-hand or indirectly.

How have you, or our community, responded to this problem? If you have been directly involved in addressing the problem, describe your experience. What has/hasn't worked? Why/why not?

Given your observations and experience, reflect on possible ways in which you, as an individual, can help to ameliorate the social justice problem that you have discussed.

Essay length: maximum 1000 words, there is no minimum.

1st Prize: \$250
2nd Prize: \$150
3rd Prize: \$100

Eligibility:

The competition is open to all high school students in Louisiana. In order to be eligible, all writers must mail a copy of the certification form below, signed by the student's English/Language Arts teacher.

You can also download the form at

www.bienvillehousecenter.org

How to enter:

- Student's name, phone number and e-mail address, if available, should be in the top left corner of the essay.
- Essays should be e-mailed (Word document or PDF format, with the student's last name and first initial as the filename) to bienvillehousecenter@gmail.com, or sent to **P.O. Box 4363, Baton Rouge, LA 70821**. Electronic submissions are preferred, but all entries will receive equal consideration, regardless of the form in which they are submitted.
- **All entries must be received by April 30, 2018.**

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The Reich-Henderson Writing Competition Certification

I certify that _____ is a high school student at
(print student's name)
_____ in _____ and that this is his/her work.
(high school name) (city)

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Print teacher's name _____ Teacher's e-mail _____

Please mail this certification to:

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