

# 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.**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$250  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$150  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 15, 2019.**

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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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