

## **2017 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT**

**DEADLINE: February 1 to District Director**  
**FAXES are not permitted**

**Additional Application Forms are available on the Virginia PTA website: [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)**

Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor the 2017 Citizenship Essay Project, with the theme “*We the people...why vote?*” This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on character or citizenship. Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow’s leaders.

### **Who Can Enter?**

All Virginia students in grades K – 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA units in Good Standing. A PTA in Good Standing is one who has paid state and national dues by December 1, and whose bylaws are current, having been revised within the past five (5) years. The Special Writer Division is non-graded and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

### **Criteria**

- **Students in grades 9 – 12** must write a **minimum of 750** words, typed and double-spaced with Times New Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- **Students in grades 6 – 8** must write a **minimum of 500** words, typed and double-spaced with Times New Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- **Students in grades 3-5** may submit a **maximum of 250** words, typed or handwritten;
- **Students in grades K-2** may submit a **maximum of 100 words**, typed or handwritten.
- **Special Writers** may submit entries typed or handwritten.
- In all categories, adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought, and skill in standard written English will be judged.
- The theme **must** be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

### **Awards**

Winners **in each age group** are notified in April and will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publications: The VOICE and website ([www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)).

1st Place – \$250  
2nd Place – \$125  
3rd Place – \$50

### **Application**

Applications for the Citizenship Essay Project can be found at the following locations:

- Virginia PTA website at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)
- Contact Virginia PTA at [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org)

Send essays and completed applications to your District Director for district judging. Contact the District Director for mailing information: <http://www.vapta.org/contact-us.html>. Districts without a District Director - forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attn: Citizenship Essay Chair, 1027 Wilmer Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

**Questions:** Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org) or (804)264-1234 or 866-4vakids.



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2017 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT

"We the people...why vote?"

Due to District Director by February 1

CATEGORY: (Please Select Only One)

SPECIAL WRITER GRADE K-2 GRADE 3-5 GRADE 6-8 GRADE 9-12

(Please print or type)

NAME GRADE

ADDRESS

E-MAIL ADDRESS PHONE

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL'S NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT

COUNCIL PTA DISTRICT PTA

We certify that this is the original work of the student. We also understand that, if selected, the essay will be published.

(Student's Signature)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

STATE AWARDS (Checks are made payable to the student):

1st PLACE: \$250

2nd PLACE: \$125

3rd PLACE: \$50

(For District Use Only - Deadline for District to Submit the District's Winner is March 1)

- I certify that this local unit is in good standing with Virginia PTA and meets all guidelines;
I certify that this entry is a district winner and is forwarded to Virginia PTA for judging.

(Number of Essays Judged on District Level)

(District Director's Signature)

## City/County and Virginia PTA District Listing

<u>City/County</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>District</u>
Accomack County	Eastern Shore	Lee County	Natural Tunnel
Albemarle County	Blue Ridge	Lexington City	Natural Bridge
Alexandria City	Northern Virginia	Loudoun County	Hunt
Allegheny County	Natural Bridge	Louisa County	Blue Ridge
Amelia County	Lynchburg	Lunenburg County	Lynchburg
Amherst County	Blue Ridge	Lynchburg City	Lynchburg
Appomattox County	Lynchburg	Madison County	Blue Ridge
Arlington County	Northern Virginia	Manassas City	Patriot
Augusta County	Shenandoah	Manassas Park City	Patriot
Bath County	Natural Bridge	Martinsville City	Dan River
Bedford County	Roanoke	Mathews County	Rappahannock Valley
Bland County	Big Walker	Mecklenburg County	Dan River
Botetourt County	Natural Bridge	Middlesex County	Rappahannock Valley
Bristol City	Holston	Montgomery County	Parkway
Brunswick County	James River	Nelson County	Blue Ridge
Buchanan County	Big Walker	New Kent County	Peninsula
Buckingham County	Lynchburg	Newport News City	Peninsula
Buena Vista City	Natural Bridge	Norfolk City	Tidewater
Campbell County	Lynchburg	Northampton County	Eastern Shore
Caroline County	Fredericksburg	Northumberland County	Rappahannock Valley
Carroll County	Parkway	Norton City	Natural Tunnel
Charles City County	Peninsula	Nottoway County	Lynchburg
Charlotte County	Lynchburg	Orange County	Fredericksburg
Charlottesville City	Blue Ridge	Page County	Shenandoah
Chesapeake City	Southeastern	Patrick County	Parkway
Chesterfield County	James River	Petersburg City	James River
Clarke County	Hunt	Pittsylvania County	Dan River
Colonial Beach	Fredericksburg	Poquoson City	Peninsula
Colonial Heights City	James River	Portsmouth City	Tidewater
Covington City	Natural Bridge	Powhatan County	Richmond
Craig County	Roanoke	Prince Edward County	Lynchburg
Culpeper County	Patriot	Prince George County	James River
Cumberland County	Lynchburg	Prince William County	Patriot
Danville City	Dan River	Pulaski County	Parkway
Dickenson County	Natural Tunnel	Radford City	Parkway
Dinwiddie County	James River	Rappahannock County	Patriot
Essex	Rappahannock Valley	Richmond City	Richmond
Fairfax City/County	Northern Virginia	Richmond County	Rappahannock Valley
Falls Church City	Northern Virginia	Roanoke City	Roanoke
Fauquier County	Patriot	Roanoke County	Roanoke
Floyd County	Parkway	Rockbridge County	Natural Bridge
Fluvanna County	Blue Ridge	Rockingham County	Shenandoah
Franklin City	Southeastern	Russell County	Holston
Franklin County	Roanoke	Salem City	Roanoke
Frederick County	Hunt	Scott County	Natural Tunnel
Fredericksburg City	Fredericksburg	Shenandoah County	Shenandoah
Galax City	Parkway	Smyth County	Holston
Giles County	Parkway	Southampton County	Southeastern
Gloucester County	Rappahannock Valley	Spotsylvania County	Fredericksburg
Goochland County	Richmond	Stafford County	Fredericksburg
Grayson County	Parkway	Staunton City	Shenandoah
Greene County	Blue Ridge	Suffolk City	Southeastern
Greensville County	Southeastern	Surry County	Southeastern
Halifax County	Dan River	Sussex County	Southeastern
Hampton City	Peninsula	Tazewell County	Big Walker
Hanover County	Richmond	Virginia Beach City	Tidewater
Harrisonburg City	Shenandoah	Warren County	Hunt
Henrico County	Richmond	Washington County	Holston
Henry County	Dan River	Waynesboro City	Shenandoah
Highland County	Shenandoah	Westmoreland County	Fredericksburg
Hopewell City	James River	West Point	Rappahannock Valley
Isle of Wight County	Southeastern	Williamsburg City	Peninsula
James City County	Peninsula	Winchester City	Hunt
King & Queen County	Rappahannock Valley	Wise County	Natural Tunnel
King George County	Fredericksburg	Wythe County	Big Walker
King William County	Rappahannock Valley	York County	Peninsula
Lancaster County	Rappahannock Valley		