

CONTEST TOPIC: The Impact of Growth on the Culture of the Cary Community

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

All essays should be typewritten in English (12 pt font) with no color or graphics and need to be between 600 words and 1000 words in length. (Essays over or under the word count will be disqualified.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title, footnotes and bibliography do not contribute to the word count. Please do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top left corner of your essay.

Essays must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in similar format to that used for printed resources. Add the electronic address used to access the document as supplementary information. Any essay with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified.

Contestants are allowed to enter only once. The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's.

All essays become the property of the Friends of the Page-Walker. The Friends retain non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points: Show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points: Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the "who, what, where, when and why." Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points: Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.