

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6490 2019 HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

## GUIDELINES

### TOPIC CHOICE

**Select one of the following topics:**

1. There is a teacher shortage in Illinois and around the country. To what do you attribute this shortage? If you were in a position to address this issue, what would you do?
2. What literary work, fiction or non-fiction, has influenced your life the most?
3. The plaque on the Statue of Liberty says, "Give me your tired, your poor, your hungry, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." How can we in America be humanitarians, protect our citizens, and be fair to people of all nationalities who have the dream of living in the United States?
4. Explain how meeting someone from another culture has changed you.

### FORMAT

**The guidelines listed below must be adhered to in the essay:**

1. Use 8.5 inch by 11 inch paper.
2. Use 12 point font.
3. Double space your paper.
4. There should be 1 inch margins on all sides of each page
5. 2 page maximum length
6. Type the number of your Topic Choice (#1, #2, #3, or #4), then the title of your essay.

### JUDGING

Members of the District 6490 Literacy and Education Committee will act as judges of all essays submitted using the State of Illinois Writing Rubric and the following criteria: Focus, Development, Originality, and Conventions.

**DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ROTARY CLUB, OR LOCATION IN THE ESSAY.**

**COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AND INCLUDE IT WITH THE ESSAY.**

**SEND THE ESSAY AND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

**Janet Ellis-Nelson, Chair District 6490 Literacy and Education Committee**

**By email (preferred method): [janetnelson1994@gmail.com](mailto:janetnelson1994@gmail.com)**

**By mail: 1905 Moraine Drive, Champaign, IL 61822**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.**

**THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$500!  
SECOND PLACE WILL RECEIVE \$250.**

First and Second Place Winners are expected to attend a luncheon at the Rotary District 6490 Conference on October 19, 2019 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington to receive their awards. Rotary District 6490 will pay for luncheon costs for the winners and their parents.