

Genesee Health Plan: Health Heritage Essay and Scholarship Contests

Essay Contest: 4th Annual Health Heritage Essay Contest, open to middle/junior high and high school students (grades 6-12) in Genesee County. Students are encouraged to speak with their family members to learn about their family health history. *Essay should address the student's family health history, with a focus on oral health and its impact on their overall health and wellbeing. Essays can be submitted by email to: healthheritage@countyhealthplans.org.*

Topics a student can choose from in addition to the above parameters include:

1. The power of a healthy smile
2. The impact of a healthy smile
3. A smile can be life changing
4. Me, my family, my smile

- **Middle/Junior High Essay Guidelines**

- Essay length between 200-350 words
- Essay should be **typed** or **clearly hand-written**
- **1st Place prize of a \$200 gift card** will be awarded to student
- **2nd Place prize of a \$100 gift card** will be awarded to student
- **\$300 gift card will be awarded to the junior high teacher** that has the most essay entries into the essay contest

- **High School Essay Guidelines**

- Essay length between 500-750 words
- Essay must be **typed**
- **1st Place prize of a \$400 gift card** will be awarded to student
- **2nd Place prize of a \$200 gift card** will be awarded to student
- **\$500 gift card will be awarded to the high school teacher** that that has the most entries into the essay contest

Oral Health Career Scholarship: 2nd Annual Health Career Scholarship Contest, open to high school seniors in Genesee County. Two winners will be selected, one for first place and one for second place. *Essay must include the oral health career chosen and why; the importance of oral health and its effect on physical health, and how oral health shapes future success.*

- **Scholarship Guidelines**

- Essay must be **typed** with length of 750 words or more
- Essay should include student's goals for their future in the chosen field and what impact they hope to make
- **\$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the 1st place essay.** *Scholarship will be made payable to the school of choice upon receiving a certified copy of their fall collegiate class schedule*
- **\$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the 2nd place essay.** *Scholarship will be made payable to the school of choice upon receiving a certified copy of their fall collegiate class schedule*

Additional Information:

- All essays due on or before Friday, March 22, 2019
- All first-place recipients will have the opportunity to read an excerpt from their essay at Genesee Health Plan's Awards Dinner on Friday, April 12, 2019
- Teachers in middle/junior high school and high school that receive the most entries into the essay contest will be honored at the Genesee Health Plan's Awards Dinner on Friday, April 12, 2019
- All essays must include: student name, address, phone number, school, grade and teacher

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