

Fire Safety Essay Contest

2014 Fire Prevention Week

October 5 – 11

The Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's **Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest** is an opportunity for Georgia students in **grades 6 through 12** to express their views on Fire Safety.

Essay Criteria

- The essays for grades 6-12 must reflect the NFPA theme, ***“WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES; TEST YOURS EVERY MONTH”*** and should focus on fire prevention in the home. Each essay should consist of 200 – 700 words.
- Essays can be typed or neatly written, and essays should be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Faxed essays must be written in black ink or typed to be received legibly.
- To avoid disqualification, each essay **MUST** have an entry form attached to the front. Entry forms may be obtained at www.oci.ga.gov.

Selection Process

- Grades 6-12 in each school may submit an **essay from each student, per class**. A first, second and third place essay per grade will be selected for the statewide contest. Essays must be received by mail or fax in the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, September 29, 2014. Late arrivals will not be accepted.**
- The first place winners will receive a \$50 cash prize along with other prizes. The second and third place winners will receive a variety of prizes.
- Statewide essay winners will be selected by a committee established by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

All winners of the Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the **Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 30, in Conference Bays A & B**. The winning essays will be displayed at the luncheon. Complimentary luncheon attendance is awarded to all winners from grades 6 through 12; **1st place winners and two guests each and 2nd and 3rd place winners and one guest each**. Other family members and friends are welcome to join us at their own expense. ***The luncheon cost is \$22.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child ages 12 and under.***

This Fire Prevention Week activity is in addition to a number of locally sponsored fire safety programs throughout the state during the month of October.

Entry Form

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**Open to students in grades 6 – 12
Essays must be at least 200 – 700 WORDS**

This form **must** be attached to the front of the essay for entry in the statewide contest. *An essay received **without** this form attached **will not** be eligible for the contest.*

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT'S PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

PARENT'S FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL'S PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Except for first, second and third place winners, essays cannot be returned due to the volume of essays submitted.

PLEASE E-MAIL, MAIL OR FAX ESSAYS & ENTRY FORMS TO:

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