

# “WHAT DO I STAND FOR?”

## 2019 Citizenship Essay Contest

**DEADLINE: ENTRIES ARE DUE TO DISTRICT DIRECTORS BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019.**

Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children – tomorrow’s leaders. To demonstrate the value that Virginia PTA places on good citizenship, we are proud to sponsor, support, and encourage Virginia students to write an essay for the 2019 Citizenship Essay Contest. This year’s selected theme is “What Do I Stand For?”

### WHO CAN ENTER?

All Virginia students in grades K through 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA’s in Good Standing may enter. A non-graded Special Writer Division is available 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:

In all categories, adherence to the theme as it relates to CITIZENSHIP, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and may not be altered in any way.

**Students in grades 9 through 12** must write a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

**Students in grades 6 through 8** must write a minimum of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

**Students in grades 3 through 5** may submit a maximum of 250 words, typed or handwritten.

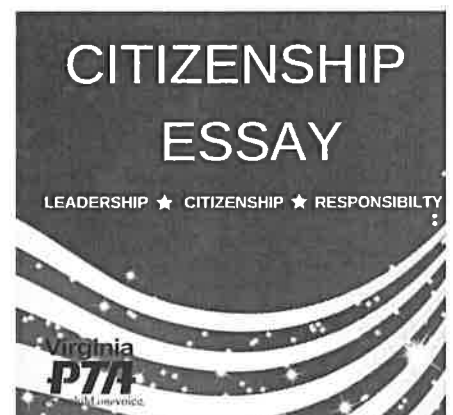
**Students in grades K through 2** may submit a maximum of 100 words, typed or handwritten.

**Special Writers** may submit entries typed or handwritten.

### AWARDS:

Students who place first in their category will be notified in the Spring. They will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publication, The VOICE, and on the Virginia PTA website. First place winners in each division will also receive a CASH PRIZE and will be recognized at a Virginia PTA Awards Event.

Students should contact their school’s PTA representative for their school’s deadline. Essays and completed applications must be submitted to Virginia PTA District Directors by February 1, 2018. Districts without a District Director should forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attention: Citizenship Essay, 1027 Wilmer Avenue, 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.





**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**2019 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT**

**“WHAT DO I STAND FOR?”**

**Due to Virginia PTA District Director by February 1**

**CATEGORY: (Please select only one)**

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

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPAL'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPAL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL PTA** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT PTA** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Student's Signature**

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**Parent or Guardian Signature**

**STATE AWARDS: 1st Place entries at the state level will win a cash prize.**

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**(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.**

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**District Director's Signature**

## City/County and Virginia PTA District Listing

City/County

Accomack County  
 Albemarle County  
 Alexandria City  
 Allegheny County  
 Amelia County  
 Amherst County  
 Appomattox County  
 Arlington County  
 Augusta County  
 Bath County  
 Bedford County  
 Bland County  
 Botetourt County  
 Bristol City  
 Brunswick County  
 Buchanan County  
 Buckingham County  
 Buena Vista City  
 Campbell County  
 Caroline County  
 Carroll County  
 Charles City County  
 Charlotte County  
 Charlottesville City  
 Chesapeake City  
 Chesterfield County  
 Clarke County  
 Colonial Beach  
 Colonial Heights City  
 Covington City  
 Craig County  
 Culpeper County  
 Cumberland County  
 Danville City  
 Dickenson County  
 Dinwiddie County  
 Essex  
 Fairfax City/County  
 Falls Church City  
 Fauquier County  
 Floyd County  
 Fluvanna County  
 Franklin City  
 Franklin County  
 Frederick County  
 Fredericksburg City  
 Galax City  
 Giles County  
 Gloucester County  
 Goochland County  
 Grayson County  
 Greene County  
 Greensville County  
 Halifax County  
 Hampton City  
 Hanover County  
 Harrisonburg City  
 Henrico County  
 Henry County  
 Highland County  
 Hopewell City  
 Isle of Wight County  
 James City County  
 King & Queen County  
 King George County  
 King William County  
 Lancaster County

District

Eastern Shore  
 Blue Ridge  
 Northern Virginia  
 Natural Bridge  
 Lynchburg  
 Blue Ridge  
 Lynchburg  
 Northern Virginia  
 Shenandoah  
 Natural Bridge  
 Roanoke  
 Big Walker  
 Natural Bridge  
 Holston  
 James River  
 Big Walker  
 Lynchburg  
 Natural Bridge  
 Lynchburg  
 Fredericksburg  
 Parkway  
 Peninsula  
 Lynchburg  
 Blue Ridge  
 Southeastern  
 James River  
 Hunt  
 Fredericksburg  
 James River  
 Natural Bridge  
 Roanoke  
 Patriot  
 Lynchburg  
 Dan River  
 Natural Tunnel  
 James River  
 Rappahannock Valley  
 Northern Virginia  
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City/County

Lee County  
 Lexington City  
 Loudoun County  
 Louisa County  
 Lunenburg County  
 Lynchburg City  
 Madison County  
 Manassas City  
 Manassas Park City  
 Martinsville City  
 Mathews County  
 Mecklenburg County  
 Middlesex County  
 Montgomery County  
 Nelson County  
 New Kent County  
 Newport News City  
 Norfolk City  
 Northampton County  
 Northumberland County  
 Norton City  
 Nottoway County  
 Orange County  
 Page County  
 Patrick County  
 Petersburg City  
 Pittsylvania County  
 Poquoson City  
 Portsmouth City  
 Powhatan County  
 Prince Edward County  
 Prince George County  
 Prince William County  
 Pulaski County  
 Radford City  
 Rappahannock County  
 Richmond City  
 Richmond County  
 Roanoke City  
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 Rockbridge County  
 Rockingham County  
 Russell County  
 Salem City  
 Scott County  
 Shenandoah County  
 Smythe County  
 Southampton County  
 Spotsylvania County  
 Stafford County  
 Staunton City  
 Suffolk City  
 Surry County  
 Sussex County  
 Tazewell County  
 Virginia Beach City  
 Warren County  
 Washington County  
 Waynesboro City  
 Westmoreland County  
 West Point  
 Williamsburg City  
 Winchester City  
 Wise County  
 Wythe County  
 York County

District

Natural Tunnel  
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 Hunt  
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