



TEEN WRITING & ART CHALLENGE

HOSTED BY:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Writing and Art Challenge was created by the MCWC Youth Advisory Committee as an avenue for teens to start talking about dating & relationships. It is meant to create a safe environment to explore and discuss the impacts (both positive and negative) of common dynamics found in these experiences.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Writing & Art Challenge is open to all middle school and high school students who reside in Montgomery County. This includes students attending public school, private school, alternative education, homeschool, etc.

Participants may enter a maximum of one submission in each category (writing/art).

PRIZE INFORMATION

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Viewing Party and will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the Awards Ceremony.

HIGH SCHOOL

- First Place Writing (\$1000 Scholarship)
- First Place Art (\$1000 Scholarship)
- Second Place Writing (\$500 Scholarship)
- Second Place Art (\$500 Scholarship)
- Third Place Writing (\$250 Scholarship)
- Third Place Art (\$250 Scholarship)
- Honorable Mentions may also be recognized

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- First Place Writing (\$100 Gift Card)
- First Place Art (\$100 Gift Card)
- Second Place Writing (\$50 Gift Card)
- Second Place Art (\$50 Gift Card)
- Third Place Writing (\$25 Gift Card)
- Third Place Art (\$25 Gift Card)
- Honorable Mentions may also be recognized

HOW ARE THE WORKS EVALUATED?

All works are evaluated by a blind judging process, by a group of volunteer community members, including high school students and adults. All works will be judged on the following criteria:

- Theme
- Originality/ Creativity
- Technical Skill
- Emergence of personal vision or voice

CHALLENGE TIMELINE

January 15, 2018
Challenge Announcement

February 12, 2018
Submissions Due By
5:00pm

February 22, 2018
Viewing Party & Awards
Ceremony

Please join us for this event to celebrate the submissions from teens across Montgomery County.

**The Woodlands
United Methodist
Church**

6:00-8:00pm

Friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

QUESTIONS?

Please Contact:

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THEME

Each entry must be centered on one of the following themes:

- Trust
- Respect
- Communication, or
- Individuality

Please note that these may be explored across the spectrum to examine how they impact both healthy and unhealthy relationships.

WRITING SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All writing submissions must be on (1) 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper with a minimum of 12 point font. There may NOT be any identifying information on the front of your submission (name, school, signature, etc).

Submission Ideas Include:

- Essay
- Script
- Journal Entry
- Poetry
- Short Story
- Personal Essay/Memoir

ART SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Art submissions may use any medium and must meet the following size requirements. There may NOT be any identifying information on the front of your submission (name, school, signature, etc).

- Flat Art (11x17)
- 3D/ Sculpture (12x12x12)

Submission Ideas Include:

- Ceramic/Glass
- Jewelry
- Digital Design
- Drawing/Illustration
- Fashion
- Mixed Media
- Photography
- Painting
- Sculpture

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Women's Center



WRITING & ART CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

Your submission **MUST** be received by 5:00pm on Monday February 12, 2018 to either of the following Montgomery County Women's Center locations-- 1401 Airport Rd, Conroe TX 77301 or 1600 Lake Front Cir, Woodlands TX 77380.

NAME	
AGE	GRADE
SCHOOL	TEACHER (IF DONE AS CLASS ASSIGNMENT)
HOME ADDRESS	
CONTACT NUMBER (SELF)	CONTACT NUMBER (PARENT)
CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS (SELF)	CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS (PARENT)

SUBMISSION TYPE (CIRCLE)	WRITING	ART
SUBMISSION TITLE		
SUBMISSION THEME (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)		
TRUST	RESPECT	COMMUNICATION INDIVIDUALITY

By signing this document I am agreeing to the following:

1. My submission is an original piece of writing/art created by me.
2. MCWC is not responsible for any damage to the submission once it is mailed or dropped off.
3. I grant MCWC, and third parties of their choosing, a free perpetual non-exclusive license authorizing my work to be used as they see fit.

 Print Name (Student)

 Signature

 Date

 Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

 Signature

 Date

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

The Montgomery County Women's Center mission is to lead the effort in preventing domestic violence and sexual assault through crisis intervention, assistance, advocacy, empowerment and social change. We have been serving Montgomery County and surrounding counties for over 30 years.

MCWC provides services to clients in the following primary program areas:

- Residential Programs including Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
- Community and School-based Educational Outreach Programs
- Legal Services
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy
- Individual Counseling and Support Groups
- Walk-ins are welcome for crisis intervention and advocacy at our locations in Conroe or The Woodlands, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Our shelter has been providing a safe emergency refuge for abused women and children for over 30 years. The shelter can house up to 75 women and children each night.

Our agency also offers a 24-hour crisis hotline.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Montgomery County Women's Center Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) started in February 2017. MCWC acknowledges that youth are experts in their own lives and are key in developing solutions to the health issues in their lives. The primary function of the YAC is to recognize youth as valuable stakeholders and included them in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programming that our agency is delivering in schools and in the community.

Youth receive volunteer hours for their participation in the committee. Hours are gained by attending meetings, planning and hosting events, hosting online social media takeovers, assisting MCWC staff at community events, attending workshops, etc. It is our goal to keep youth engaged year round with programs, film screenings and workshops. Activities include:

- Film Screenings/ Discussions/ Creating Discussion Guides for youth and adults for each film
- Youth led initiatives that they can take to their campus/ community for implementation (Positive Post It Campaign, Flyer/ Poster Campaigns, PSA's, TDVAM, DVAM, SAAM, etc).
- Programming/ Workshops to help youth learn more about relationship violence, root causes of violence, promoting healthy relationship behaviors, violence prevention, etc.
- Youth will assist in reviewing and critiquing current programming that the Outreach Team is implementing. Ideas from the youth for improvements will be noted and worked into existing programming.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PLEASE CONTACT MELANIE JACKMAN AT (936) 441-4044**