



MILLBRAE LIONS CLUB YOUTH WEEK

April 16, 2016 through April 22, 2016

THE MILLBRAE LIONS CLUB has begun work on the **56th ANNUAL YOUTH WEEK PROJECT**. We encourage you to participate. An essay contest is one of the activities offered.

The **RULES** of the **ESSAY CONTEST** are as follows:

1. Essays must have a title.
2. Essays must be 500 words or less (not counting “a, an, the, nor, or, but, yet, so, for, and”), typed *double spaced*, or handwritten *in pen* by the student.
3. **DO NOT SIGN or put your name on the essay.**
4. **On a separate piece of paper, LEGIBLY PRINT** your name, mailing address, phone number, school, English teacher and your grade. Staple this paper behind the essay.
5. **Write your essay on one of the topics listed:**
 - a. Firearms in America: Is this a problem or a solution? Explain.
 - b. What leadership qualities would you like to see in our next President of the United States?
 - c. Bullies at school: As a student leader describe how you would tackle this ongoing problem.
 - d. Describe a person in your life (family, school, community) whom you admire and why.
 - e. Who am I? Who is “the real me” now, and “the real me” I’d like to be?

NOTE: When using the words of other writers, use quotation marks. Make this essay your own work with references to personal experiences. Use examples to explain your point.

6. **All participants will receive an Award Certificate** from the *Millbrae Lions Club*.
7. Essays will be judged according to relativity to topic, organization, expression of ideas, use of correct punctuation, grammar and neatness.
8. Each school committee will read all essays and select 10 finalists. The ten finalists’ essays from each school will be sent along with all submitted essays to Lion Paul Larson by **Friday, March 11, 2016**. **Winners** will be selected from the essays submitted:
 - Two (2) Winning Essays will be chosen from Grades 4-5
 - Two (2) Winning Essays will be chosen from Grades 6-7-8
 - Two (2) Winning Essays will be chosen from High School
9. **Winners** will be selected by a judging committee from the **TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY**.
10. **Winners** will have their pictures in the *Lions Club Bulletin*.
11. **Winners** may bring their parents **or** one sponsor (sponsor being a teacher, principal, or clergyman) to the dinner meeting of the Millbrae Lions Club at the **EL RANCHO INN ~ PALM ROOM**, 1100 El Camino Real, Millbrae on **Wednesday, April 20th** at 7:00 P.M. sharp. The awards will be given during the dinner meeting.
12. Each School will deliver essays to Lion Paul Larson,
c/o Principal, Taylor Middle School, 850 Taylor Boulevard, Millbrae - (650) 697-4096.

FIRST AWARD WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY - A \$100.00 Award and a Trophy
SECOND AWARD WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY - A \$50.00 Award and a Trophy

