

# **5th Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Essay Contest**

## **“Let’s Make the OC a Drug Free County! #845”**

### **Who can enter:**

Students in grades 7-12 enrolled in a public or private school in Orange County, plus Walkkill and Marlboro School Districts.

### **How to enter:**

Print and fill out the entry form. Essays must be no less than 300 words and cannot exceed 400. They can be submitted through your teacher or independently to:

MaryAlice Kovatch, Contest Coordinator, 6 Wesley Court, Middletown, NY 10941

OR

[mkovatch@adacinfo.com](mailto:mkovatch@adacinfo.com)

### **Judging Criteria:**

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop, and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint; however, you may also choose to relate the theme to your own experiences. Write your essay in an easy-to understand format, leaving your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

### **Rules:**

- Must be your own original essay!
- 300-400 typewritten words (+ or – 5 words max). Every word is counted regardless of length. Essays significantly over or under the word count will be eliminated.
- Title does not contribute to word count.
- Typed, in English, with no color or graphics.
- Do not identify yourself in any way within your essay. Your entry form is your essay’s cover sheet, all identifying information should be included on that. If you are submitting via mail or in person, staple entry form to your essay. If submitting via email, attach entry form and essay as two separate documents.

**Teachers or students with questions can call or email contest coordinator MaryAlice Kovatch at any time. Submissions will be accepted February 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Winners will be honored at the Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Design & Essay Contest Ceremony in May of 2023.**

### **Prizes:**

**Grand Prize: \$200**

**First Place: \$100**

**Second Place: \$50**

**Third Place: \$25**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Council Substance Abuse Prevention Essay Contest**

**Entry form; Must be fully completed, leave no blanks!**

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City, State, Zip

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Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_ Essay word count: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher name and contact email

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School name and address

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Parent/guardian name, phone/email