

FAQs

When is the Sarah Marie Pack Writing Essay Contest deadline?

May 5, 2008

Who is eligible?

- All Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing high school students attending school in the United States regardless of citizenship.
- Foreign exchange and visiting students attending high school in the U.S. may enter.
- Only U.S. citizens if attending high school in countries other than United States.
- Age is not a factor; Grade level is.

What is the Scholarship amount?

That is to be determined later on how much we received from our sponsors, if any. However, there is a \$500 cash prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.

What do I need to do to start on my essay?

The contest has strict guidelines for entries. Make sure you read carefully through the guideline and rules. If you do not understand the guideline and rules, ask someone.

Can I ask a teacher or parent to review my work?

Yes. Any contestant student should have a contest coordinator or an assistant. Any adult can be a coordinator—a parent, teacher, neighbor, etc. The coordinator is the person who would guide the student in their research and makes sure that the student has followed all the guidelines.

However, you must be the one writing the essay, not an adult. Please note: If you are suspect of plagiarism, you will be disqualified.

Do I have to send in the form before I begin writing?

No. The form must accompany your essay submission.

Should I send recommendation letters?

Please do not include recommendation letters, personal statements, grade point average or a resume. We only look at the essay in our evaluation process.

How can I be sure that my essay got to you in time, or that you have received it at all?

We will send you an email confirmation that we received it.

Is this an annual contest?

This is our second essay contest.

How do I find out if I won or not?

We will announce the winner(s) at the Teen MICA event. You will receive an invitation to attend. If you cannot attend, we will notify you by email.

Can I submit more than one entry?

Definitely, you may.

Can a group work together to write one essay?

No. Each essay must have only one author; each essay must be the work of one student.

Who is Sarah Marie Pack?

To learn about Sarah Marie Pack, please download her bio.