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Kirkwood Human Rights Commission Announces 2017 Essay Contest

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Kirkwood, Missouri: The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission will once again hold an Essay Contest for Kirkwood high school students who are juniors during the 2016-2017 school year.

Essay Topic: What is the most notable human rights issue of your generation and how does it affect your life?

Who can participate: The contest is open to all 11th-grade students enrolled at Kirkwood High School, Vianney High School, or Ursuline Academy, all 11th-grade Kirkwood residents enrolled elsewhere, and all 11th-grade home-schooled students residing in Kirkwood.

Essay Rules: The essay should be 500 to 750 words in length, typed, double-spaced, in 12-font size, with reasonable margins. The pages should be numbered, and the author's name should appear at the top of each page. The author's name, address, telephone number, age, and high school should accompany the essay.

Judging Criteria:

- 1) **Thematic Maturity:** How the essay demonstrates the ability to write in a logical, organized manner that easily and efficiently conveys meaning.
- 2) **Content:** How the essay expresses ideas that are substantive and workable.
- 3) **Communication:** The essay's content should be understandable with good sentence and paragraph construction, attention paid to spelling and grammar, and formatted according to the instructions given.

Deadline: Essays should be submitted in hard copy to City of Kirkwood Administration Department, attention: Kathie Valentine, Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122. Essays may also be submitted by email to: StepheKJ@KirkwoodMo.org, **but they must be received by the deadline. All essays must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday February 24, 2017.**

Awards:

First Place: \$100
Second Place: \$75
Third Place: \$50
Honorable Mention

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