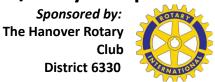
## **Interview/Essay Competition**





## **Essay Rules**

Entries must meet all the following requirements.

- 1. The competition is open to residents of Grey-Bruce from south of Owen Sound.
- 2. Entrants must select a Senior or Junior topic depending on their age on 31 January 2018. Senior entrants must be between 15 years 1 day and 18 years of age on that date, and Junior entrants must be 12 to 15 years of age on that date.
- 3. The maximum word counts are 1000 words for Senior entries and 750 words for Junior entries. These word limits apply to all topics and all formats (essay, poem, letter, etc). Exceeding the word count will result in automatic disqualification.
- 4. Entries must be written in English.
- 5. Only **one essay per entran**t is allowed. Once an essay is submitted, students/teachers will **not** have the opportunity to revise it. Please carefully check and improve your writing before submitting the final copy, and also ensure that all supplementary information is filled in correctly (name, contact details, topic number, etc.)
- 6. Plagiarism is the 'use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author without authorisation and the representation of that author's work as one's own, as by not crediting the original author'). If using existing material, cite appropriately.

- 7. The final copy submitted for the competition **must** be the entrant's own work, and cannot be excessively corrected or improved by another person. This does not rule out input or assistance from others. However, an entry will be disregarded if there is any suggestion of excessive external help.
- 8. Essays may be
  - emailed to <u>info@sgbyouthliteracy.org</u> as an attachment In either Microsoft Word document (.doc) or in PDF format (.pdf) or
  - delivered in person to 467 10<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 303 (SGBYLC office) or
  - mailed to the address above.
- All entries must be submitted before midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, unless an extension is announced at least one week before the deadline date.
- 10. Entrants should retain a copy of their original work as we are unable to return submissions.
- 11. Please note: Winners and Runners-up may have their full names, schools, essays and photographs displayed on the SGBYLC and event sponsor websites and social media channels.