

For immediate release:

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES A WRITING COMPETITION

In continuing our commitment to “Give Back to the Community”, the Agawam Cultural Council will run a Writing Competition for all school age children in the Town of Agawam. The winners will be notified and an awards ceremony will be planned for the spring of 2021.

THEME of the Agawam Cultural Council’s Writing Competition:

FACING THE CHALLENGES OF THE CORONAVIRUS – HOW DID YOU DO IT?

Grades K-1 Art Poster – any size, any medium.

Grades 2-4 Write a paragraph or a poem on your experiences at home during the coronavirus.

Grades 5-6 Write a composition or a poem about your experiences at home during the coronavirus and how you handled learning online with your teachers.

Grades 7-8 Write a composition or a poem about the challenges you experienced at home during the coronavirus and what were the advantages or disadvantages to learning online during that time. The composition should contain approximately 500 words. A poem should contain at least 15 -- but no more than 25 -- lines.

High School – Essay: Do you think the Covid 19 lockdown earlier this year has had a deep and long-lasting impact on you? Describe the impacts, such as health, safety, family concerns and education. This essay should contain approximately 650 words.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY RECEIVING A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

First Place:	\$50.00
Second Place:	\$25.00
Third Place:	\$15.00

The competition runs from October 15, 2020 to November 30, 2020. Entries will be accepted from October 15 through November 30th, only. Entries postmarked after that period will not be eligible for consideration.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

All entries must be typed or written legibly. Entries should be titled, but entrant's name should not appear on the submitted work.

(Please be sure to keep a copy of the submitted work)

A cover sheet must accompany each submission and should include:

1. First and Last Name (Juvenile entrants may include the name of a parent or guardian)
2. Street Address
3. Phone number
4. E-mail address (if possible) with name
5. Age or Grade
6. Name of Category entered, for example, Grade 5
7. Title of Entry
8. Name of Language Arts/English/Composition Teacher

PLEASE NOTE: Entries can also be accepted via e-mail. Agawamcc@yahoo.com

You can MAIL or HAND DELIVER entries to:

Agawam Cultural Council
c/o Town Hall
36 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Attn: Writing Competition

Notification of winners will be made by mail, email, or phone, no later than January 15, 2021. Winning entries may be considered for publication in town papers, and on the ACC website, unless the recipient of the award specifically declines publication in this manner.

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