

Civility Essay Contest

Prompt: Here at Missouri State (MSU), an individual who acts as good citizen is someone who has an understanding of their rights and responsibilities, the three public affairs pillars, and can actively apply that knowledge within their community. For the purpose of this essay, it is equally important to display such knowledge. Your essay should focus on your interpretation of what it means to be a good citizen, who understands civility, and actively strives to practice those values in everyday life.

Rules: The essay must be written in college-level format and saved as a Microsoft Word or PDF file; 12 pt font, Times New Roman, with a cover page. Please cite any references appropriately and include a reference page if necessary. The essay must be no more than 3 full pages, double spaced. Papers that do not meet the basic criteria will not be considered eligible. Participants must be current MSU students to enter the contest.

Deadline: The essays must be received by April 3, 2020, at 11:59 pm. Entries received after this time will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria: The essay will be evaluated by the panel of reviewers based on the following criteria:

- 1) The essay effectively incorporates the prompt as listed above. Essays not created for the purpose of this essay contest will not be considered (i.e. Essays created for a class, essays written for a separate contest).
- 2) The essay must show personal reflection on the topic of civility and how it relates to the author's personal life/experiences.
- 3) The essay must be organized, clear/concise, original, and free of grammatical errors. Consideration for those with proper grammar, spelling, and mechanics will receive the highest consideration.

Submission: All essay submissions should be sent to David Gambino, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Student Conduct (Gambino613@live.missouristate.edu). Winners will be notified via email April 10, 2020.

***All essays submitted must be saved in the following file format to be considered:
LastnameFirstname_Civility2020**

Prizes: Winners will receive a book store gift card (1st prize- \$75; 2nd - \$25), a certificate, will be featured on the Office of Student Conduct social media pages, and Bear Swag for other exemplary essays.

Contact: Any questions regarding the essay can directed to the Office of Student Conduct.

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