

# Pacific Western Network Ministries



Judy Dyer

## **Endowment for Cross ESSAY CONTEST**



# Discipleship Ministries Essay Contest

MANY WILL ENTER, ONLY TWO WILL WIN.

The Discipleship Ministries Essay Contest is paid for by the Judy Dyer Endowment and produced by Pacific Western Network Men's, Women's, and Youth Ministries. The Contest begins on November 9, 2016 and will close on November 30<sup>h</sup>, 2016. The winner will be announced December 7, 2016.

**TOPIC:** *Each participant will share a brief personal statement and why they feel they should win this scholarship and answer the following prompt:*

Why is serving in your local church important? How have you served your local church and community over the past year, and what have you learned through serving?

## **Eligibility & Entry Guidelines**

- Contestants must be in Junior High or High School
- Only one entry per person will be qualified to win
- All work must be original to the contestant

## **Format & Word Count**

- Completed Essays must include the required topic and must be a minimum of 1000 words in length and not exceed 1,200 words
- Page 1 of your essay must be a cover page that includes: name, age, email address, phone number, Church attending, Pastor's name, number of words in your essay (not including cover page). Please do NOT put the title of your essay on this page
- All margins must be one inch with 12 pt. font in Times New Roman
- Place title of essay on page 2
- Essay must be single spaced with a double space between each paragraph
- Do not put your name on any page other than page 1
- Do not include things in your essay that will easily reveal your identity to the judges

## **Submission**

- Email submissions to [nicolepacwest@gmail.com](mailto:nicolepacwest@gmail.com), no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- In the subject line of your email write: "(your) Name, Essay Contest"
- You will receive a confirmation email when it has been received.

## **Judging**

- Your essay will be judged by 3 leaders from Pacific Western Network Discipleship Ministries
- Your essay will be judged on the following criteria
  - 40% Communication: Unity of thought/Main idea well developed throughout essay
  - 30% Content: Relevance of topic/accuracy of information
  - 20% Originality: Creative approach to topic, word usage enhances essay
  - 10% Writing Mechanics: Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, sentence and paragraph structure

## **Prizes**

- 2 winners will receive a scholarship to attend Youth Winter Camp January 14-16, 2017.
- This is NOT a cash prize. It can only be used one time for the above mentioned event to cover your registration. The prize does not cover any travel expenses to and from event, or additional spending money.
- If you know you would not be able to attend the event, we ask that you do not enter.
- If for some reason the winner is unable to claim his or her prize, it will be given to the next runner-up.

*Don't Delay—Submit your essay right away! We want to see you at PLANTED, Winter Camp 2017. Questions? Contact Nicole Hammond [nicolepacwest@gmail.com](mailto:nicolepacwest@gmail.com) or (209)484-8496*