

Pacific Western Network Ministries



Judy Dyer

**Endowment for CROSS
Generational Ministry**

ESSAY CONTEST



Discipleship Ministries Essay Contest

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 October 1st, 2017 and will close on November 5th, 2017. The winner will be announced November 26th, 2017.

Essay Prompt

Pick your favorite scripture or short passage of scripture and describe the original historical context of the passage. Then, describe what the passage is saying to you personally, and describe the instruction and meaning for our generation and the church as a whole.

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 800 words in length and not exceed 1,000 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
- Use 12 point font in Times New Roman
- Place title of essay on page 2
- Essay must be double spaced
- Do not put your name on any page other than page 1
- Do not include things in essay that will easily reveal your identity to judges

Submission

- Email submissions to nicolepacwest@gmail.com, no later than November 5th, 2017.
- In the subject line of your email write: "(your) Name, Essay Contest"
- You will receive a confirmation email when it has been received.

Judging

- Essays will be judged anonymously by 3 leaders from Pacific Western Network Discipleship Ministries
- Essays will be judged on the following criteria
 - 40% Communication: Unity of thought/main idea well developed throughout essay
 - 30% Content: Relevance of topic/Accuracy
 - 20% Originality: Creative approach to topic, word usage enhances essay
 - 10% Writing Mechanics: Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, Sentence & Paragraph Structure

Prizes

- 1 junior high and 1 high school student will receive a full scholarship, and 1 junior high and 1 high school student will receive a partial \$80 scholarship to attend Youth Winter Camp January 13-15, 2018.
- 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.

*Don't Delay—Submit your essay right away! We want to see you at Winter Camp 2018.
Questions? Contact Nicole Hammond nicolepacwest@gmail.com or (209)484-8496*

Contest is open to all junior high and high school students (Grades 6-12). Two full scholarships, one for junior high and one for high school contestants, and two partial (half) scholarships to the Pacific Western Network Ministries Winter Camp will be awarded. Essays will be judged and scored anonymously.

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