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## 2011 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT

**Due: February 1 to District Director**

**Application Forms are available on the Virginia PTA website: [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)**

**FAXES are not permitted!**

Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor a Citizenship Essay Project. The 2011 theme is “**Entitlement vs. Responsibility**”. This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on “Character or Citizenship”. Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow’s leaders.

### Who Can Enter?

All Virginia students in grades 6 – 12 presently enrolled in schools with PTA/PTSA units in Good Standing. A PTA in Good Standing is one who has paid state and national dues by December 1, and whose bylaws are current, having been revised within the past five (5) years.

### Criteria

- Students in grades 9 – 12 must write a **minimum of 750** words, typed and double-spaced with Times Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- Students in grades 6 – 8 must write a **minimum of 500** words, typed and double-spaced with Times Roman 12 Font and 1” margins.
- In both age categories, adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought, and skill in standard written English will be judged.
- The theme, “**Entitlement vs. Responsibility**”, must be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

### Awards

Awards will be given in both age groups (middle school grades 6-8 and high school grades 9-12). We will notify essay winners in April or May 2011. Essay winners will be featured in one or more of Virginia PTA’s official publications (Virginia PTA *Bulletin*, Virginia PTA website at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) and Virginia PTA *VOICE*).

1st Place – \$1,000 Savings Bond

2nd Place – \$500 Savings Bond

3rd Place – \$250 Savings Bond

### Deadlines

**The deadline for submitting your entry to your district director for district judging is February 1, 2011 (postmarked).** District directors will submit winning entries to the Virginia PTA State Office for state level judging by March 1, 2011 (postmarked). **If your PTA is in a district that does not have a district director, please forward your entry directly to the Virginia PTA State Office for processing at:**

Virginia PTA  
Attention: Citizenship Essay Chair  
1027 Wilmer Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23227-2419

### Applications

You can find an application for the Citizenship Essay Project at the following locations:

- Virginia PTA website at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)
- Virginia PTA Local Unit Resource Guide
- Contact Virginia PTA at [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org)

### Questions:

- Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org) or by phone at (804) 264-1234 or 866-4vakids.



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2011 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT
"Entitlement vs. Responsibility"

Due to District Director by February 1, 2011

(Please print or type)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS Franklin Middle School 3300 Lees Corner Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL'S NAME Mrs. Sharon Eisenberg

LOCAL PTA/PTSA UNIT 25391

COUNCIL PTA Fairfax County

DISTRICT PTA Northern Virginia

We certify that this is the original work of the student. We also understand that, if selected, the essay will be published.

(Student's Signature)

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

STATE AWARDS:

- 1st PLACE: \$1,000 SAVINGS BOND
2nd PLACE: \$500 SAVINGS BOND
3rd PLACE: \$250 SAVINGS BOND

(For District Use Only)

I certify that this entry is a district winner and is forwarded to Virginia PTA for judging.

(Number of Essays Judged on District Level)

(District Director's Signature)