



## A CREATIVITY CONTEST!

SPONSORED BY THE CULTURAL AWARENESS COALITION  
OF THE MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### TOPIC: SHARING OUR STORIES: LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION, AND WHY WORDS MATTER.

#### Official Rules

1. How to enter
  - a. We want you to share your story with us and the community through your creative expression of the topic; language, communication, and your understanding/belief of why words matter.
  - b. Contestants may find subjects of inspiration among their personal stories of learning a new language, communication style, and how words matter in our community. Entrants may share a personal story OR find inspiration among family and friends.
  - c. Entries may take **any creative form** – essay, poem, visual art, music, video – as long as it addresses the theme. The main point is to be creative!
  - d. Guidelines: Essays and poems should be able to fit on one standard, 8 ½ by 11 page; paintings/drawings should be no larger than 11 x 14 inches; CDs containing music or visual art should be no longer than 3 minutes.
  - e. Entries must be submitted prior to 10/18/2019 and can be submitted through your teacher (for students) or directly to the Midland Area Community Foundation. Please deliver in person or send electronically to Alysia Christy at [achristy@midlandfoundation.org](mailto:achristy@midlandfoundation.org)
  - f. **All entries should include full name and contact number or e-mail address, entry information and permission form and for school age entrants, grade, teacher and school for students.**
2. Judging
  - a. This contest is open to residents of Midland County in the following four categories:
    - i. Lower Elementary school students (grades K-2)
    - ii. Upper Elementary school students (grades 3-5)
    - iii. Middle school students
    - iv. High school students
    - v. Adults 18+
  - b. Submissions will be judged on the following:
    - i. Does the submission content reflect the theme of LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION, AND WHY WORDS MATTER?
    - ii. Is the submission original?
3. Eligibility
  - a. Open to all residents within the county of Midland.
4. Prizes
  - a. Winners in each category will receive a \$50.00 gift card to Barnes & Noble.
  - b. Winners will be recognized and awarded prizes at the Grace A. Dow Library Auditorium on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening during the Cultural Performance Showcase (to begin at 6:30 p.m.).



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**Entrant Information Form**

Entrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Category:

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If the entrant is school age, please complete the following information:

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Attending School \_\_\_\_\_

**Conditions of participation**

Entrants agree to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and by the decisions of the Cultural Awareness Coalition, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to this Contest. By entering, the entrant represents that any creation submitted as part of the contest entry are the original work of the entrant and not copied from any other source. In addition, by entering, the entrant grants to the Cultural Awareness Coalition and its affiliates a royalty-free license to edit, publish, promote, and/or republish at any time in the future and otherwise use the submitted creation, along with the entrant's name and any other information provided.

In addition, the entrant or their parent/legal guardian gives the Cultural Awareness Coalition permission to print and publish visual images of the contest entry as well and pictures of the entrant.

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Entrant's signature (if under 18 parent or legal guardian signature)

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Date