

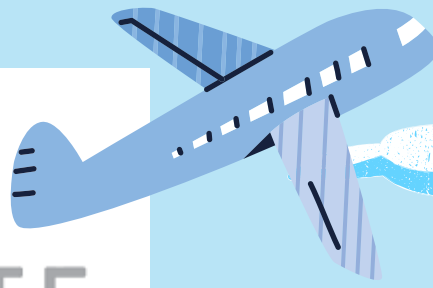


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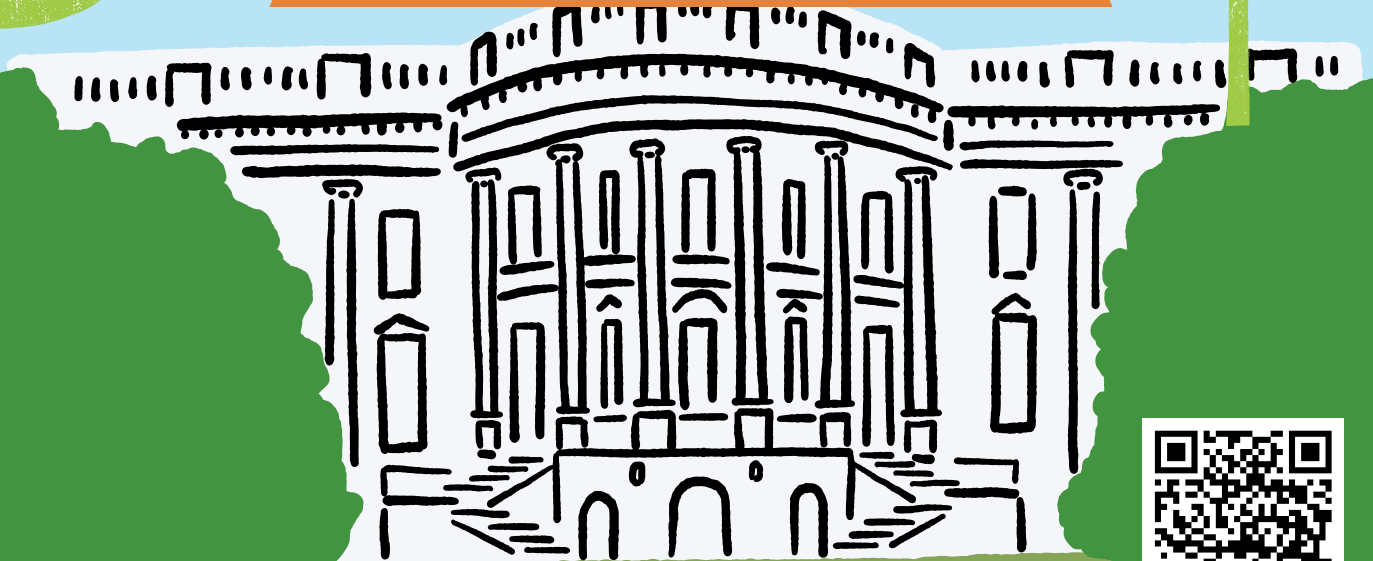


HELP STOP THE VIOLENCE



A National Campaign to Stop the Violence
Writing Challenge

FOR 6-8 GRADERS



Students answer the questions:

How has violence affected my life?

What are the causes of youth violence?

What can I do to reduce youth violence?

Two selected ambassadors will receive:

- ✓ Essay published and submitted into the Library of Congress
- ✓ All expense paid trip to recognition week & ceremony in Washington, DC
- ✓ Opportunity to meet world, national & local leaders

To participate or to partner, visit:

dag.knoxcountyttn.gov/dtw

DtWT FAQs



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When can I submit an essay?

Essays can be submitted Jan 30 - March 6, 2024.

Can I submit a song or poetry?

Yes, students may use any form of written expression (e.g., essays, poems, plays or songs) if the language is positive and not derogatory.

Is there a word limit?

Entries should be approximately 500 to 1,000 words in length. Written forms of expression such as poetry by its nature may be shorter, and may contain fewer than 500 words.

Can my essay be fiction?

If a story is fictional, it must be identified as such to be advanced in the selection process, however, strong preference will be given to non-fiction in the final selection process.

Do I have to participate through my school?

If your school is not participating in the challenge you may submit an essay individually. You will need to find a teacher to sponsor your submission.

How do I submit my essay?

Students can submit their essays either online, mail, or in-person. The online submission platform will go live on January 30, 2024. You may visit dag.knoxcountyttn.gov for the most up-to-date information. To receive a print copy of instructions you can call the District Attorney's Office at 865-215-2515.

Can my organization/I volunteer to judge?

Yes! Email ag.dtwt@knoxcounty.org to get more information or call the District Attorney's Office at 865-215-2515.

When will ambassadors be announced?

The selected ambassadors will be announced in May 2024 and will participate in local recognition activities before the end of the school year.

When is the national recognition week?

Two ambassadors are selected from each participating jurisdiction to attend a recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. The all expense paid trip will take place in the summer of 2024. The trip typically takes place in July. A parent/guardian and teacher/sponsor are also invited to attend.



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