Union's 2019 Writing Contest Offers Cash Prizes to High School Students

The union's 2019 writing contest for high school students is here! The competition is open to all children and eligible dependents of Hotel Trades Council and Local 6 members. Students must be in grades 10, 11 or 12 at the time of entering the competition. Cash prizes will be awarded to at least nine winners—with a top prize of \$3,000 for the best overall entry.

The competition began in 2002 and until this year, the prize money was provided by the Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation. This year, the prize money is being generously donated by Laurel Rubin, the daughter of Donald Rubin.

HOW TO ENTER

It is easy for students to enter the contest. An explanation of the contest's two categories and the entry procedures is printed in this edition. The deadline for entries to this year's writing contest is Tuesday, July 2, 2018.

2018 WRITING CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

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Trades Council and/or Local 6 members. Students must be high school students who are in grades 10, 11 or 12 at the time of entering the contest. All entries must be accompanied by the form published below and must be submitted by Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Entries may not be handwritten. Entries must be mailed to the following address:

Writing Contest c/o Hotel Voice 709 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10036

Entries will be judged by an impartial panel of educators and/or journalists. Students may submit entries in both categories, if they wish, BUT CAN SUBMIT ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY. If more than one entry is submitted by the same student in one particular category all of that student's entries in that category will be disqualified. In addition, students who submit entries in both categories must make sure that each entry is accompanied by a copy of the form that appears at the bottom of this page. Students are reminded that no handwritten entries will be accepted. Students are also reminded to carefully follow the instructions for each category.

THE CATEGORIES:

Essay. Essays should be three to five pages (double spaced) in length and MUST be written about one of the following topics:

- 1. Why My Parents' Union Membership Is Important to Me.
- 2. A Modern Day Hero.
- 3. Public Safety vs. the Second Amendment.
- 4. How to Fix the Immigration Problem in the U.S.
- 5. The Supreme Court: Judicial or Political?

Fiction/Non-fiction Narrative. Entries in this category MUST be identified as fiction or non-fiction. Submissions must be a narrative, three to five pages (double spaced) in length, and can be told in either the first or third person. Entries may cover any topic of the student's choosing. The following are some suggested ideas. These are only suggested ideas. They do not have to be the subject of the fiction/non-fiction narrative.

- Living in a Union Household.
- My Experience with Immigration.
- What I Know Now that I Didn't Know a Year Ago.

The form at the bottom of this page must be completed and submitted with your entries. If you enter more than one category please make sure a copy of this form is attached to each entry! PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Name		Phone			
Address	Apt	City	State	Zip	
High School		Year (CIRCLE ONE)	10	11	12
Parent's Name		Parent's Place of Employment			