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Positively Augusta, Inc. is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, organized and operated under the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code.

Dear Richmond County Board of Education Members:

The membership of Positively Augusta, Inc. (formerly the World AIDS Day Committee) is hosting an essay contest for all Richmond County high school students. Richmond County has one of the highest incidence rates for HIV and AIDS. Positively Augusta, Inc. works each year to reduce that rate.

Our mission is as follows:

- "Working and educating one day at a time to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and eradicate the stigma."
- Reduce the prevalence of HIV in the CSRA through education, awareness events and providing limited services such as rapid HIV testing and PrEP assistance to those affected and infected.

We would like to propose the following question to any Richmond County high school student wishing to participate in the essay contest:

How do you feel about implementing HIV/AIDS/STD education in the school curriculum and what grades do you feel it should start and why?

Three prizes will be awarded:

1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

The prizes will be presented during the week of World AIDS Day, which is always December 1 of every year. The essay would be due November 28, 2018.

Please contact Positively Augusta President Yanza Collins with any questions at 762-359-7656.



Essay Contest Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Educational Track _____

References

Please list three references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Instructions

Topic

“How do you feel about implementing HIV/AIDS/STD education in the school curriculum and what grades do you feel it should start and why?”

In APA format, double spaced, write a 2,000-word explanation on the topic above. Font must be Times New Roman and sized at 12.

Purpose

The purpose of this essay is to bring awareness on the importance of open discussions in Richmond County surrounding HIV/AIDS amongst the youth (Ages 16-24). Statistically, it is youth being diagnosed daily with HIV/AIDS. Our goal is to ensure an increased knowledge on prevention throughout our community.

Award

Winners will be announced December 1, 2018. There will be three (3) prize winners announced and awarded. Rewards to each winner will go as follows:

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$50

Essays must be submitted via email or post marked to the listed P.O. Box no later than November 28, 2018.