



# Hamilton County Juvenile Court

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## **Encourage a Young Writer Essay Contest Presented by Administrative Judge Melissa Powers**

Hamilton County Juvenile Court is celebrating this year's Encourage a Young Writer Day through the first ever Young Writer Award Essay Contest. Students grades 7-12 are encouraged to submit a reflection essay that addresses the following:

**For this year's Encourage a Young Writer Day, we invite you to reflect and share a story celebrating personal strength. Have you or someone you know ever faced a challenging event with an unwanted result or major effect on your daily life? If so, how did you find a way to move forward after this event? What did you learn from this experience? What skills helped you through the experience? What would you like others to learn from it?**

Writing allows us to practice the art of storytelling. Stories hold a special place in our community as they shape our personal perspective and pass along lessons worthy of teaching. Through storytelling, we draw inspiration from around us. We share with each other. We learn. We rise above difficult moments and circumstances. We reflect. We heal.

The stories like those of entrepreneur Mikaila Ulmr and motivational speaker Nyeem Hudson remind us that we can use individual strength to overcome difficult situations in positive ways. Inspired by a bee sting, Mikaila Ulmr used her creativity and perseverance to launch her own lemonade business. Nyeem Hudson put his individual wit to work to share an inspirational video after he was bullied. He now is followed by fans across the world and delivers motivational speeches to audiences around the globe. Through personal strength, we learn to use our skills to show leadership and overcome situations that are often beyond our control.

### **Winners:**

Winners will be the first recipients of the Young Writer Award and will receive a \$75 gift card. The top three selected essays will be honored the week of April 27th by Hamilton County Juvenile Court Administration.

### **Submission:**

Essays should be no longer than 500 words, double spaced, 12-point font with the name, school, grade and email/phone information of the student listed on the top left corner of the submission. Submissions must be received by mail or emailed no later than 4 P.M. on April 16, 2021, to:

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