

Judging Criteria

ESSAY-

- Message (30 points)
- Organization (10 points)
- Word Choice (5 points)
- Sentence Fluency (5 points)
- Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar (10 points)

DRAWING

- Message (15 points)
- Creativity (15 points)

DRAWING & ESSAY PRESENTATION (10 points) (50 word minimum)

PRIZES

- (For 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners)
- Council Level –cash of \$50, \$30, \$20
- State Level – gift certificate or cash of \$100, \$75, \$50
- National Level – Gift cards of \$250, \$150, or \$50

DEADLINES -

- 9/1/16 – contest begins
- 1/31/17 – Entries due from all 4th grade students
- 2/1/17- Council level judging
- 3/1/17 – State level judging
- 4/15/17 – National judging

PICTURE GUIDELINES –

- Use unlined, white paper approximately 8.5"x11" .
- Use a #2 pencil.
- Do not fold or color the picture
- Write your name, date, teacher's name & school on the back of the picture.

ESSAY GUIDELINES –

- Use lined, white paper approximately 8.5"x11" .
- Essay should be at least 50 words long and explain the drawing.
- Use a #2 lead pencil.
- Write your name, date, teacher's name & school at the bottom of the essay.
- Use one side of the page only.

CHARACTER COUNTS^{ism}

2017

CARING



PURPOSE

National FCE presents an art and essay contest which is open to all 4th grade students in public, private and home schools. This contest promotes literacy and community involvement. The purpose of the 2016 contest is to encourage students to understand and practice CARING. This contest encourages students to strive for excellence and creativity in reading, writing and drawing skills.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

All 4th grade students are eligible to enter.
Entries are to include a short story and a hand-drawn picture which reflect the characteristic of CARING.