



2011-2012 Making An Impact Contest

Deadlines

- Entries must be postmarked by **February 1st**.
- Contest winners will be announced during the week of **February 6th – 10th**.

Guidelines

- 6th – 12th grade students are eligible to participate in the contest.
- Students can work in groups of no more than 4.
- There are two categories: 6 - 8th grade and 9 - 12th grade. A winner will be selected from each category.
- Students must submit a three-page essay that explains their service learning or civic engagement project.
- Videos and pictures are highly encouraged as supporting documentation of project.
- "Entry Form", "Parental Consent Form" and at least 2 reference letters must accompany every essay. Entries that do not have this information will not be accepted.
- All submissions become the property of Kids Voting USA and may be reproduced in its publications or merchandise.
- Offensive or inappropriate projects will not be accepted.

Judging

- Projects will be judged on originality, need, impact, collaboration with other groups, communication and adherence to contest guidelines.

Prizes

- Grand prize is a trip to Washington D.C. (One winning group for the 6 – 8th grade category and 9 - 12th grade category) The winning groups (with one sponsor each) will be flown to Washington D.C. on March 28th. They will participate in the "Engaging Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Civic Leadership" symposium and luncheon on March 29th, and then they will spend the day touring the nation's capital on March 30th. The winners will depart Washington D.C. on March 30th.
- Winners will be featured on the Kids Voting USA Web site and newsletter, Ballot Box Bulletin.

Resources

- Toward a More Perfect Community – KVUSA classroom activities
- Service-learning Action Plan – KVUSA classroom activities
- Learn and Serve – KVUSA classroom activities
- What's the Problem – KVUSA classroom activities
- Destination Democracy – KVUSA 9th-12th grade service learning activities

Send Submissions to:

Kids Voting USA

5423 SW 7th St

Topeka, KS 66606

Phone: (785) 271-6350

e-mail: kvusasymposium@gmail.com

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2011-2012 Making an Impact Contest ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form and attach it to submitted essay.

GROUP NAME _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

GRADE LEVEL(S) _____ AGE(S) _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

KIDS VOTING AFFILIATE (if applicable) _____

Each submission must include:

- Entry Form
- Parental Consent Form
- Essay
- Reference Letters (at least 2 but no more than 4)
- Videos (if applicable)
- Pictures (if applicable)

Send it all to:

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Consent Form

On behalf of myself and my minor child, _____, I hereby consent to and waive all rights regarding the use and publication by Kids Voting USA of

1. my child's image, likeness and appearance in photographs taken at my child's school or while participating in programs or activities sponsored by my child's school or Kids Voting USA,
2. any statement made by my child regarding Kids Voting USA, its activities and/or programs, and any writing or artwork as described in more detail below, and
3. my child's name and affiliation with Kids Voting USA, its activities and/or programs (including my child's participation in a specific activity or program, my child's school and the city in which the school is located), any of which I understand may be distributed, published and publicly displayed worldwide in any form of media, including brochures, newspapers, the Internet, and other promotional materials, to promote the activities of Kids Voting USA.

I understand that my child's address or other biographical or identifying information will not be published unless I give my consent in advance.

Signature

Date

Parent Name (print) _____

Child's Name _____

Child's School _____

Child's Grade _____

Child's Kids Voting Affiliate (if applicable) _____