



14th Annual

Voices of Children Contest

2017

Tell us... what living with a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other relative has meant to you...



What is the contest?

Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives is a contest for children in Washington State who are being raised, now or in the past, by a relative *other than their parents*. The contest honors both the children, and the more than 45,000 grandparents and other relatives in Washington State who are raising them.



How do you enter the contest?

- Write a poem or short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life.
- Mail entries to: Voices of Children Contest, 1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B, Olympia, WA, 98502.
- **All entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 1, 2017.**



What are the rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5-19 years old**.
- Entries will be judged in three age categories: ages **5-7**, ages **8-12**, and ages **13-19**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less.
- Make your art as **big and bold** as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and within the box on the entry form.
- Entry must be original, in English, and **unpublished**.
- Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the judges are final.
- Award ceremony for winners will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings.
- All entries may be published in a 2017 book called *Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives*.



What are the prizes?

The top two entries in each age category will receive:

- **\$100 from TwinStar Credit Union**
- **A free night at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA for a family of four!**



Questions?

If you have questions, please call Family Education and Support Services at 360-754-7629, or Toll Free 1-877-813-2828, or e-mail Lynn@Familyess.org.

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Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Adult/Caregiver Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Privacy note: The information above is for awards committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties.

Winning entries will be published with the child's first name only and their age. No other personal information will be given out.