



Serra Club of Tucson

Annual Essay Contest

2012 Essay Themes:

4th, 5th, 6th Grades: *If you had to pick a saint as your greatest hero, who would it be and why?*

7th, 8th Grades: *How do you show your Catholic Faith in your daily life and how might you show it when you are an adult?*

9th – 12th Grades: *What can you do when you are an adult to show the world that you are a Catholic?*

Procedure: Students are asked to write an essay based on the theme for their grade level. All essays are to be **written (not typed)** in the student's own handwriting and should be neat in appearance. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE, AND SCHOOL OR PARISH ARE ON THE ESSAY.** Essays are to be submitted to the student's teacher and mailed to the Serra Club of Tucson by the **deadline of March 31, 2012.** Mail to:

Serra Club Essay Contest
Richard J. Castellanos
6161 E. 16th St.
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Judging: All essay entries will be judged by the Serra Club of Tucson. The decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be notified.

Grades and Word Requirements:

4th, 5th, 6th Grades	– 150 Words
7th and 8th Grades	– 200 Words
9th through 12th Grades	– 250 Words

Awards:

4th, 5th, 6th Grades:

- 1st Place – \$100.00 Savings Bond
- 2nd Place – \$50.00 Savings Bond
- 3rd Place – \$20.00 Gift Certificate

7th and 8th Grades:

- 1st Place – \$100.00 Savings Bond
- 2nd Place – \$50.00 Savings Bond
- 3rd Place – \$20.00 Gift Certificate

9th through 12th Grades:

- 1st Place – \$200.00 Savings Bond
- 2nd Place – \$100.00 Savings Bond
- 3rd Place – \$30.00 Gift Certificate

Awards will be presented during the noon luncheon meeting of the Serra Club of Tucson on Monday, May 14, 2012, at the El Parador Restaurant, 2744 E. Broadway Blvd. Essay Contest winners will be notified of the judges' decision by April 14, 2012. First Place winners will be asked to read their essays.

Eligibility: All **4th through 12th Grade** youth of the Diocese of Tucson attending Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs are eligible to participate in the Annual Essay Contest of the Serra Club of Tucson. Essay contest information and entries should be handled through teachers and principals at schools and through the Religious Education teachers and Directors of Religious Education at parishes.