

2021 Echoes Media Student Writing Contest Guidelines

Deadline: Saturday, April 16, 2021

1. The *2021 uSpeak Writing Contest* is open to U.S. students in 9th through 12th grade.
2. Each submission must respond to one of the prompts released on March 15, 2021. Come back to this link on Monday, March 15 for the prompts.
3. Limit one entry per student. Submissions must be the original work of a single student. Previous winners are ineligible. No group entries allowed. Work submitted without a name will be disqualified.
4. If handwritten, all documents **must be legible**. Entrants have the option of submitting their entry online. The entry must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx and **must include a signed entry form**. All digital entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021, at www.echoesofthestruggle.com/contests.
5. For hard copy entries, all mailed entries **must include a completed entry form** or they will be disqualified. Entries must arrive no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021, and should be directed to:

Echoes Media
c/o Janelle Gray
2919 Commerce St. Ste. 131
Dallas, TX 75226
6. Echoes Media staff will notify both the winner and parents of the winner no later than Friday, May 7, 2021, via a phone call and/or email.
7. The 1st place winner will receive a \$100 prize from Echoes Media and have their article published on The Echoes Blog on the Echoes Media website. Prize money is transferred via Paypal, CashApp, Venmo, or Zelle. Other methods may be used upon request.
8. By entering the contest, you consent to have your name and photograph appear as the winner. You also agree to allow your words to be used as quotes and on Echoes Media's website and social media even if not selected as a winner.

9. For more information about the contest, please contact Janelle Gray at echoes@echoesofthestruggle.com.

The contest is judged by senior members of Echoes Media: Janelle Gray, Melissa Mains, Nicole Nesbitt, Jack Piland, and Chris Silverberg.

A winning submission would consider the following:

Have a word count between 650-800 words

Address the chosen prompt in its entirety

Have an organized storytelling format

Be thoughtful and respectful

Have no politics

Use good grammar and spelling