

## Essay/Art Contest Subgroup Recommendations

1. Discuss at next meeting ideas to reach out to home schooled students and other communities to encourage participation
2. Ideas to incentivize participation:
  - tell students there may be an opportunity to appear on 9North ( may opt out if the student wishes)
  - tell students they will be invited to present their submission in person at a city council meeting (student may opt out if they wish) - award cash prizes
  - allow students to participate in their native language
3. Cash prizes to total \$450 maximum
  - If essay only: for each grade (6, 7 8): first prize - \$75  
second prize - \$50 third prize \$25
  - if written and visual submissions: for each category and grade: first prize - \$50  
second prize - \$25
4. Refer decision to full commission to decide if the contest be an essay only contest as in the past or to expand to include:
  - Written component: essay or poem
  - visual media: Poster, collage, photograph, etc (no video submissions)
5. If we expand to include a visual component, suggest the name of the contest be: Written and Visual Media Contest
6. Each students who submits a visual project would be required to write a paragraph explaining their project
7. Submissions due no later than January 30, 2022
8. Refer discussion about Essay sub-group reading and scoring all submissions and then referring the best 10-15 submissions to be read and scored by the remainder of the commission to the full commission
9. Discuss procedures to evaluate submissions in languages other than English

10. Proposed statement to be included on Contest Rules page:

All students in Roseville who are in the middle school age range ( grades 6, 7 and 8) are encouraged to participate. You may express yourself in the language in which you are the most fluent. Submissions will be evaluated by the Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission, however your identifying information will be omitted and judging will be made anonymously. You may write an essay as in the past, but this year you may also write a poem instead. There will be an additional category of Visual Media (such as a poster, a collage a photograph etc). If you submit something in the visual category, please write a paragraph explaining your work. You may make a submission in only one category, either written or visual. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.