

2017 Human Rights Creative Expression Contest

Official Entry Form

DEADLINE FOR THE 2017 CONTEST IS 5PM ON TUESDAY 28, FEB. 28, 2017
at the Beaverton City Hall (Bvtn Bldg at The Round) Human Resources Department.

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(Please note that each participant must fill out a form. Please attach all forms to the entry being submitted.)

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Grade Level: 11

Name or Title of Entry: Acceptance and Understanding

Where did you hear about this Contest? TEACHER

Did you use the QR (smart) code on a flyer to reach the CEC webpage? NO

My signature indicates that I understand that all entries will be displayed publicly for up to one year. I also agree that if I am a winner/runner-up, my name, school's name, winning entry and photo may be published in local newspapers and other media, and on the City of Beaverton website.

Entries can be picked up from the Human Resources Dept. at City Hall in June 2017.

Kelvin 3/1/17 Marty Karlin for 3/1/17

Student signature Date Parent/Guardian signature Date

Please attach this completed form *securely* to your Human Rights Essay Contest entry. Thanks!

Acceptance and understanding

Human rights are basic entitlements a human has to live and acceptance is how others respect and treat you fairly. I believe that one's human rights includes respect and understanding from other people and acceptance stems from fulfilling this obligation to others.

Muslims and Americans both want to eliminate the terrorist threat that is striking fear into the whole western world. Muslims refuse to recognize the terrorist as Muslims because what they are doing is clearly against their own faith and even former President Obama did not like calling them radical islamic terrorist.

One of my acquaintances is a Lebanese Muslim. He rarely talks about the Islam hatred that is prevalent in this country but when he does he is particularly frustrated with the lack of understanding people have about his religion. He told me about his family friends who live and Lebanon and can no longer come to live with their family in America like they planned because of the immigration ban. He hates how, as opposed to encouraging acceptance and fighting only the true threat, the new political agenda in the government is only promoting more xenophobia towards Islam by singling out the entire religion as opposed to just the terrorism itself. This is an example of the importance of respect and understanding for one another as a basic human right to protect against misinterpretation and prosecution.

Although acceptance is not an right in itself, freedom from persecution is and that stems from understanding one another.