

**UNION COUNTY YOUTH NAACP ESSAY CONTEST
CONTESTANT COVER SHEET/APPLICATION**

PART I: CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name of Contestant _____ Birth Date _____ Age ____ Grade ____

Mailing Address _____ Physical Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Email Address _____ School _____

Essay Topic _____

PART II: PARENT INFORMATION

Parent(s)/Guardian _____ Telephone No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____ Parent's Email Address _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE IS 9:00 PM JANUARY 31, 2015

**PLEASE EMAIL APPLICATION TO:
ERNESTINE STATON
STATON401@GMAIL.COM**

**UNION COUNTY YOUTH NAACP
ESSAY CONTEST RULES & PROCEDURES**

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTESTANTS

1. All contestants must be Union County, NC residents.
2. The contest is open to all young people in grades 9th to 12th in the year that the contest is being held.
3. Each contestant must present a computer generated copy of his/her essay to the NAACP Youth Advisor no later than the date specified on the application.

CONTEST RULES

1. All contestants must write on one of the official topic presented to them. Not writing on the official topics will result in a **penalty of disqualification.**
2. Each contestant shall write his/her own essay.
3. No reference may be made that might identify the contestant, his/her family or the specific area from which he/she is from in the essay. **Maximum penalty may be 15 points** will be assessed.
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5. The cover sheet is the only place your name should be shown. If placed on any other sheet, a **penalty of 10 points** will be assessed.
6. Each contestant must write an 850 word essay in 12 font with Times New Roman, doubled spaced. The allowed number of words cannot be over or under the specified number. Should the number be over or under the length, a **penalty of 5 points** will be assessed.
7. Reference sheet must be separate and will not be counted in the 850 words.
8. All grammatical and typographical errors will result in a **penalty of 5 points per error.**
9. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. **The penalty is disqualification.**
10. All essays must received by email by the deadline date to the addresses listed below. **ALL ESSAYS RECEIVED LATE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
11. All essays must be attached as a word document.
12. Once you send your essay, you will receive a confirmation email from the email address below. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your essay was submitted incorrectly; therefore, you need to resend.

ESSAY DEADLINE

All essays must be received by January 31, 2015. Please use the following email address to submit essay and for any questions:

Ernestine Staton—Essay Director
Staton401@gmail.com

ESSAY CONTEST TOPICS

Why do You Think Kids Feel the Need to Bully
Is the Media Changing the Lives of Young Children
UNC- Chapel Hill and Phony Classes and Academic Abuse Controversy????

PRIZES

75.00—1st Prize
50.00—2nd Prize
25.00—3rd Prize