



# Teen Essay Contests

## Contest Guidelines

### Eligibility

- Students must have a cancer connection and live in Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Delaware or Chester Counties
- Middle School contest is for 6th - 8th grades.
- High School contest is for 9th - 12th grades.

### Entry Rules

- Each student may submit only one original essay authored by the student.
- Parent Signed Entry form required.
- Digital photo required. Send as a jpeg.
- Middle School contest 500 - 750 words.
- High School contest 750 - 1500 words.
- Include essay title at the top of each page.
- Do not include name on the essay.
- Winners' schools will be notified.
- All essays and photos will be posted on our website.

### Winning Essays/Awards Ceremony

- Winners will be informed on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All writers are invited to attend Awards ceremony. Date TBD

### Essay Deadline

- Entries must be submitted via email in a **word document** to [Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org](mailto:Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org) by midnight Monday, April 13, 2020.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

### Judging Process

Essays are evaluated in a fair and unbiased judging process. Submissions will be evaluated on:

- **Personal voice:** Judges will be looking for an interesting engaging essay told in your own words. The essay should describe your experience and an overall message about how your experience with cancer impacted your life.
- **Clarity and Style:** Judges will look for a clear and consistent focus in your writing and a logical progression of ideas. Good grammar, accurate word choices, correct punctuation, and varying sentence structure should be used.

## Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents/Guardians:** I give CSCGP permission to use my teen's name, essay and photo on their website, social media & for further marketing purposes & press materials.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_



## Teen Essay

## Contests

**Has cancer affected your life? Tell us your story!!**

Are you a cancer survivor?

Have you helped a family member or friend deal with cancer?

Have you lost someone to cancer?

### Contest Prizes

1st Place

**\$400.00**

2nd Place

**\$200.00**

3rd Place

**\$100.00**

### Contest Deadline

**Monday, April 13, 2020**

Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia is holding its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ben Strauss Youth Program Essay contests for teens to share their stories about how cancer has been in their lives.

A cancer diagnosis can unleash a storm of emotions, questions, and unexpected discoveries, not just for the person with cancer - but for family and friends too!

We are looking for honest, detailed, personal essays by writers in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade who demonstrate an authentic ability to move readers by sharing their experience with cancer.

**Please see required entry form for guidelines and parent signature.**

**Read instructions carefully.**

Special Thanks to the Ben Strauss Youth Program for sponsoring our contests.  
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