

Are you a cancer survivor?  
Have you helped a family member or friend deal with cancer?  
Have you lost someone to cancer?

## Every cancer experience deserves to be heard.

Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia is holding our 9th 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 **6th -12th grade** who demonstrate an authentic ability to move readers by sharing their experience with cancer.



## Tell your story.

### Contest Prizes

1st Place

**\$400.00**

2nd Place

**\$200.00**

3rd Place

**\$100.00**

### 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 permission required.
- Digital photo required.
- Middle School contest 500 - 750 words.
- High School contest 750 - 1500 words.
- Include essay title at the top of each page.
- Do not include your name on the essay.

All essays and photos will be posted on our website.

#### Essay Deadline

- Digital entry form, essay and photo must be submitted by Monday, April 4, 2022.
- Email your essay and photo to [Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org](mailto:Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org)
- Use QR code for submission form
- Late entries will not be accepted.

#### Judging Process

Stated in digital entry form

#### Winning Essays/Awards Ceremony

- Winners will be informed on Monday, April 27, 2022.
- All writers are invited to attend the Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 CSCGP Gilda's Club in Warminster.



Questions? Submit to [Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org](mailto:Christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org)  
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