

THE ECHO FOUNDATION

presents

“Justice Is Not Negotiable”

Dr. Denis Mukwege & The Panzi Hospital

GUIDELINES

ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

In his 2018 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Dr. Mukwege states “There is no lasting peace without justice. Yet, justice is not negotiable.” What does the phrase “Justice is Not Negotiable” mean to you? Please respond in detail.

WHAT: Presented by The Echo Foundation, the “Justice Is Not Negotiable” project offers writing contests in two categories: **ESSAY AND POETRY**. Students are invited to respond to the above challenge in either category.

WHO: The contest is open to all Charlotte area high school students, grades 9 – 12.

WHEN: Entry forms and submissions must be postmarked or received by The Echo Foundation at 1125 East Morehead Street, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28204, by **Friday, February 7, 2020**.

HOW: Entry forms may be downloaded at www.echofoundation.org or obtained at The Echo Foundation office. No student name should appear on the front of a submission and an entry form must accompany each entry.

PURCHASE AWARDS AND CATEGORIES: First (\$100), second (\$75) and third (\$50) prizes will be given in each of the two categories.

JUDGING AND RULES: Educators and professionals in the corresponding fields will serve on the judging panel. The panels reserve the right to not award a cash prize in a category if the submissions do not meet the qualifications for entry. All written entries must be typed (double-spaced). Word limit for essays is 1,500; poetry has no limit on length.

For more information contact:
The Echo Foundation at 704-347-3844 or email questions to
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ESSAY AND POETRY CONTEST: OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

This completed and signed form must accompany each entry. Copies of this form are permissible.

Essays may be no more than 1,500 words, must be printed in size 12 font and double-spaced.

Please Print or Type:

Full Name: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ School: _____

Current Class Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

I am submitting: Essay Poetry

Title of entry and brief description:

I give permission for my student's essay entry to be used in future publications and/or exhibits.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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