

Harvey Milk Youth Voices Contest – APPLICATION

Name: Age

Address:

City Zip:

Phone Number(s): Email:

What school do you attend?

Student Signature.....



If student is under the age of 18 Parent / Guardian Signature.....

(All participants must sign the release section below. Please note: for participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the Application form above.)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PARENTAL & STUDENT RELEASE & CONSENT FORM

(Entry is not complete without parental or legal guardian consent for those under 18.)

The Harvey Milk Essay Contest is open to all high school students ages 13-18 in Coachella Valley schools. Essays are due by 5 pm on Friday, April 24, 2016. The winners of the contest will be notified via email.

Once essays are submitted, they become the property of Greater Palm Springs Pride to determine prize notifications and publication. If an essay is selected as a prize winner, Greater Palm Springs Pride reserves the right to publish or display essays online, within the community and at the breakfast.

My child / I,enter student name....., has / give my permission to participate in the Harvey Milk **Youth Voices Contest** and Breakfast. I understand that, if selected as a prize winner, the student will be required to attend the breakfast and their essay may be published online, within the community and at the breakfast.

Student Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Name:Signature:

3 – Ways to Return This Application and Submit Your Essay

- Give to your GSA Advisor so they can submit, or
- Send via email to Milk@pspride.org, or
- Send snail mail to Palm Springs Pride, 329 W Mariscal Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Questions? please contact: Deborah Weiss at dhsutton@msn.com or call 909-904-1861.

Harvey Milk Youth Voices Contest

Perhaps you participated in a social justice program, marched in a Pride parade, experienced or witnessed bullying, struggled with coming out, or have been active in your GSA and encountered struggles with LGBT student's freedom of expression. We are giving you the chance to share your story about your experiences and perspectives in front of hundreds of people at the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast!

Please submit your application to win this opportunity by April 24th. We will accept written essays, spoken word, rap or poetry submitted in writing; or your own video about this topic. Details about how to apply for this exciting opportunity are below.

The Harvey Milk **Youth Voices Contest** is sponsored by Greater Palm Springs Pride, which uses the power of student stories to build greater support for LGBT youth in schools, create safe and affirming youth programs, and support youth activities that promote equality for all.

CONTEST PRIZES: Two sets of Prizes Awarded in Two Categories - Written Essays and Digital Essays

1. **First Prize:** Opportunity to present your story at the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast (with an estimated 650 people), and Free registration to the breakfast. \$150 cash and \$100 Gelson's gift basket.
2. **Two Second Prizes:** \$50 cash. Free registration to the breakfast. Opportunity to have essay presented at the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast.

Additionally, the winners will receive their awards at the Fifth Annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast on May 20, 2016, and must be able to attend the event in order to win.

CONTEST THEME:

"All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential." - Harvey Milk

Identify some of the challenges for LGBTQ youth and propose a few specific solutions that would help make your school and community a safer and more supportive environment for LGBTQ students.

CONTEST RULES:

Written essays and videos are acceptable. Essays must be between 300-500 words in length. Spoken word, poetry or essay videos must be between 90 and 180 seconds long.

All authors must be high school students ages 13-18 in Coachella Valley schools.

All participants are required to attend the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast May 20, 2016.

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SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Contest deadline: 5pm April 24th, 2016

Stories must be accompanied by a relevant photo of the author.

To submit a video entry, create a short video that answers the essay question below, upload it to YouTube, and email the video link to dhsutton@msn.com along with the completed, signed application. Please note: You must upload video to an empty YouTube account that does not have other videos associated with your account.

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