

**The Richmond Peace Education Center presents  
The 2010 Peace Essay Contest:**

## **Living in a World of Diversity**

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### **Writing Prompt**

We live in a nation of many cultures, religions, ethnic groups and skin colors. How can we build respect and understanding among Americans of so many different backgrounds? What can we do when there are divisions between groups? Think about what you can do individually. And think about what we can do as a community and a country.

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First Prize	\$100	Second Prize	\$50
Third Prize	\$25	Five Honorable Mentions	\$20

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**The Peace Essay Contest is open to all elementary, middle and high school students in Virginia. Entries will be judged on content, composition, style and grammar, with emphasis on a thoughtful and creative approach to the theme.**

1st & 2nd Prize winners will be invited to appear on WRIR.

To ensure opportunities for all ages, prizes are awarded at each school level: Primary (K-3), Elementary (4-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12).

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### **Deadline for entries: April 19, 2010**

Submit two copies of each entry, along with a completed entry form.  
(See reverse for Complete Contest Rules)

#### **Our Vision**

The Richmond Peace Education Center works for a just and peaceful community that:

- Appreciates diversity
- Resolves conflicts non-violently
- Builds safety through cooperation and community
- Shares economic and political power equitably
- Takes its place within the community of earth responsibly
- Empowers all individuals to live full and abundant lives

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Have questions or need more information?

**(804) 232-1002      [www.rpec.org](http://www.rpec.org)**



**Richmond Peace Education Center**

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Student Name

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Parent/Guardian's Name

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Home Address

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City, State and Zip code

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Telephone

Email

Yes! Please add us to the Peace Center's mailing list

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School

School Phone

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Grade/Level

School Division

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School Address

*We hereby certify that this entry is the original work of the student.*

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Student Signature

Date

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Signature of Sponsoring Teacher, Parent or Guardian

Date

**Complete Contest Rules**

- 1 The contest is open to all elementary, middle and high school students in Virginia.
- 2 Entries must be limited to 1000 words or less.
- 3 Essays will be judged and prizes awarded separately at each school level:  
Primary (gr. K-3), Elementary (gr. 4-5), Middle (gr. 6-8) and High School (gr. 9-12)
- 4 Submit two copies of each entry. Keep a copy for your records. Each entry must also include a completed entry form (above). No entries will be returned. Only winning entrants will be notified.
- 5 The final essay must be the original work of the student author.
- 6 Primary (K-3) entries may also include an original illustration.
- 7 Entries must be typed and double-spaced, or neatly and legibly written. Each page must be numbered.
- 8 Submission of an entry grants permission for the Richmond Peace Education Center (RPEC) to publish the essay or excerpts from it in its newsletter, website or other publications.
- 9 Essays will be judged on the basis of content, style, composition, mechanics and usage, with an emphasis on content. The decisions of the judges are final.
- 10 Deadline for submissions is April 19, 2010. Winning entrants will be notified of the judges' decision on or before May 31, 2010.

**Deliver or return this entry form by U.S. mail, along with two copies of the essay to:**

Essay Contest: RPEC 400 W. 32nd St. Richmond, VA 23225

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