



8TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST 2026 APPLICATION

Student Information – please type or print **legibly**

Student Full Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Parent Phone Number _____ Parent Email _____

School _____

Submission Agreement

The undersigned hereby acknowledge that the attached essay is an independent work written by the student. The undersigned further agree that the essay may be published in its entirety. Winning essays from each school have been selected based on that school's use of the published rubric and presented for further selection at the countywide level. All selections are final.

Applicant's Name: _____

(Please print **legibly**)

(Signature)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

(Please print **legibly**)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____ Date _____

School Coordinator's Name and Signature: _____

Submission Instructions

1. Complete the application, obtaining signatures where necessary.
2. Upload the essay(s) to the best & Brightest SharePoint site. The link to the site will be shared with the principal/Best & Brightest coordinator at the school site.
3. Incomplete applications, or those submitted after the deadline, will not be considered after Thursday, February 25, 2026 at 5:00PM

Awards for top three winners will be announced at The Best & Brightest Awards Ceremony
on Wednesday, May 13, 2026