



Dr. Marcia Martin EXPRESSION CONTEST

A Competition for All

2024/25

THE POWER of BELONGING

CONTEST RULES

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12
in the North Allegheny School District

One entry per student in each category

QUALIFICATIONS

Must address the theme:
"The Power of Belonging"

Must be original work of applicant

Must attend North Allegheny School District

FORMAT

Entry must be titled

Securely attach or enclose entry form

Student's name and school should be
clearly printed on entry form. **Student's name
should NOT be printed or visible on the front
of their entry for blind judging purposes.**

DEADLINE

Entries must be returned to
your school office between
March 3-April 4, 2025

WINNING APPLICANTS

Notification of awards will be sent to the
winning student's school and home

The winners will be recognized by the
Superintendent and School Board with an
award reception on May 21, 2025

RETURN OF ENTRIES

Entries will be returned to the students

JUDGING CRITERIA

- ✓Originality
- ✓Support of the Theme
- ✓Creativity
- ✓Artistic Endeavor

PRIZES

All applicants will receive a certificate of participation from the North Allegheny School District. A winner from each grade cluster will be selected in each category and be presented with a small gift. Winning entries will circulate through the district in digital format in late May through early June 2025.

QUESTIONS? 412-366-9663

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ENTRY FORM
 Complete one form for each entry. Limit one entry per student in each category.



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WRITING

CATEGORY 1
 TYPE OF ENTRY (check one):

- Short Story
- Dialogue
- Poem
- Play
- Personal Narrative
- Essay

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:
 Writing pieces are not to exceed 500 words (excluding Plays)

Must be legibly written or typed

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVEL

K-3

4-5

6-8

9-10

11-12

ARTS

CATEGORY 2
 TYPE OF ENTRY (check one):

- Musical Score
(send audio file of musical composition)
- Drawings
- Sculpture
- Multi-media Project
- Painting
- Photography
- Poster
- Dance

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:
 Posters/drawings/paintings no larger than 12" x 18"
 Sculptures no larger than 12" x 12"

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVEL

K-3

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ GRADE LEVEL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPONSORING TEACHER _____ SCHOOL _____

CATEGORY Writing Arts

TITLE OF ENTRY _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (by signing, you agree that the entry is an original work)

REMEMBER: SECURELY ATTACH THE COMPLETED FORM to your entry and return to your school office between March 3–April 4, 2025.