



Fairfax County Public Schools

“Mentors Make a Difference” Essay Contest for Students

Please note: A new category has been created for Peer Mentors to describe how their experience supporting another student has had an impact. Requirements below apply to this category.

Requirements:

- ♦ On one page or less, the student should describe a significant someone in his or her school or partnership that has made a positive impact on his or her education or life. The purpose of this contest is to honor mentors, tutors, or business people who volunteer to work with a student.
- ♦ Students are encouraged to tell a story, describe specific events, moments, or ways in which this individual has made a difference in his or her life.
- ♦ Criteria of selection will be based on the student’s description of his or her experience and specific examples of how this person influences his or her life and encourages school success.
- ♦ The student **must** be willing to be videotaped about his or her essay prior to May 21, 2012 or possibly to read their essay live at the Partners in Education and MentorWorks Event at Mason Inn, George Mason University campus from 3-5:30.
- ♦ The audience is Fairfax County Public Schools administrators and staff members, Fairfax County Government employees and the business and community partners who support our schools.
- ♦ Time limit for speaking is three (3) minutes.
- ♦ Applicants will be notified of the results by May 1.

Winners will receive a savings bond worth \$200, sponsored by Apple Federal Credit Union.

Essays are due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2012



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APPLICATION COVER SHEET

**Essays are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012
To help us notify winners, please complete all information.**

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Mother’s

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone # (H): _____ (W): _____

Father’s

Name: _____ Email _____

Phone # (H): _____ (W): _____

PLEASE NOTE: To receive a U.S. Savings Bond, winners will be required to provide a Social Security Number and the name and address of a designated beneficiary.

School: _____ Grade: _____

School Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Mentor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Essays must be sent to:

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