



Purpose and contest rules

Purpose

- To promote church-wide awareness of significant public policy issues by highlighting Anabaptist youth perspectives
- To promote youth understanding of the relationship of faith to public policy
- To promote greater awareness of the work of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. Washington Office and increase the number of policy advocates

Contest rules: General

- Prizes will be awarded as follows: one Essay Winner will be selected for a prize of \$250, and one Video Winner will be selected for a prize of \$250. Honorable mentions in both categories will be awarded \$100. MCC reserves the right not to award one or both of the prizes if no eligible submissions are received during the contest. The Essay Winner and Video Winner are individually solely responsible for all federal, state and local taxes that may be applied to the prize monies.
- Each entrant may enter a maximum of one (1) essay and one (1) TikTok or IGTV video per year. Although entrants are invited to enter both the Essay and Video Contests, they are not eligible to receive more than one (1) prize.
- No purchase or entrance fee of any kind is necessary to enter.
- Contest is open to Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Anabaptist high schools within the United States, including Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.
- Current MCC staff and board members and members of their immediate families (parents, spouses, siblings, and children) are not eligible for the contest.
- Additional resources are [available on the "Resource list" online](#).
- The MCC U.S. Washington Office will announce winners by April 28, 2022.
- MCC is not responsible for any troubleshooting or other technical difficulties experienced relative to submission. Once videos are submitted online, entrants will receive a confirmation email. Not all essay entries will receive confirmation of receipt, particularly those emailed to MCC regional offices. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt and wish to confirm that your essay or video was successfully submitted, please email mccwash@mcc.org.
- By entering the contest, the entrant agrees to be bound by each and every contest rule and may receive exposure by MCC. MCC reserves the sole and exclusive right to edit submissions as well as change and post revised contest rules with notice provided to entrants.
- Each entrant agrees that their participation and submission shall be governed by and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. The exclusive jurisdiction and venue shall be federal and state courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in the county of Lancaster, as well as the District of Columbia.

Contest rules: Video

- The video entry shall be a TikTok or IGTV (Instagram) video and must be between 2 and 3 minutes in length.
- The video title must appear in either the video or in the TikTok/IGTV caption.
- The caption must also include the entrant's school name and #mccpeace.
- The entrant must tag @mccpeace upon uploading the video onto the TikTok/IGTV platform.
- Students may consult with parents, teachers, mentors and friends but the individual submitting the entry must do the primary work of creating the video.
- **Videos must not use copyrighted material, including music, without permission of the copyright holder.** By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to release, discharge, defend and hold harmless MCC and their affiliates, licensees, assigns, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from and against any claim, expense or liability arising from or related to the content of, production of, submission, exhibition or exploitation of the entry, participation in this contest appearance on associated media telecasts, broadcasts or rebroadcasts or internet streaming, or otherwise and/or acceptance or use of any prize. Entrant understands and agrees that MCC's use in matters independently developed of material similar to or identical with the submission or containing features or elements similar to or identical with those contained in a submission will not obligate MCC to negotiate with the entrant, nor will it entitle the entrant to any compensation of any kind.
- **All entrants must submit the Certifications, Waiver, Consent, Release and Indemnification Agreement** ([see Waiver and Consent Form online](#)). Entrants who are under 18 years of age when they enter the contest must also obtain signed parental/guardian permission (as listed on the Certifications, Waiver, Consent, Release and Indemnification Agreement) prior to undertaking production of their video. If videos requiring parental/guardian permission are submitted without the signed form, they will be disqualified.
- **The entrant is responsible to have each person who appears in a video sign the Actor Release Form** ([see Actor Release Form online](#)). If the person appearing in the video is under the age of 18, the form must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Entrants should cite sources for facts stated in the entered video in a document uploaded at the time of submission.
- Mennonite Central Committee U.S. may reproduce, reprint, distribute or exhibit winning videos for promotional purposes online, in print or in any other form. The entrant agrees that by entering/making a submission in the contest, the entrant transfers ownership of the submission over to MCC and grants to MCC the ownership rights of the submitted essay/video (as the case may be) and the right to use such person's name, voice and likeness in any manner, commercial or otherwise, and in any and all media and/or technologies whether now known or hereafter devised throughout the universe and in perpetuity, including, without limitation, for programming, promotional and advertising purposes).
- Entrants give their full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these rules and the decisions of Mennonite Central Committee U.S., which are final and binding and not subject to challenge or appeal.
- Video entries must be uploaded onto the TikTok/IGTV platform and an Mp4 copy

uploaded onto the MCC website [here](#) by **11:59 pm Eastern time on February 25, 2022**. Entrants shall save a copy of the video. In addition, the entrant will complete the online form that includes the following information: video title, entrant's name, TikTok/IGTV handle, mailing address, email address, home congregation, school name and current grade level. Entrants will also be asked to upload a headshot photo (at least 1200x1800 pixels), noting who took the photo, which may be included in news releases or other publicity under the circumstance that the entrant is awarded the grand prize.

- Review process: All videos submitted online to the contest will be distributed to the appropriate regional MCC office. Each regional office will appoint one or more judges to select the best videos from their region. The top regional videos will be reviewed by designated MCC U.S. staff, who will select the national winner.

Contest rules: Essay

- Essays shall be 4-6 pages, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins. In addition, each entrant shall include, on a separate page, a letter to Congress of up to 200 words, encouraging them to consider the student's policy recommendations.
- Essays must be submitted electronically as an attachment to an email **by 11:59 pm Eastern time on February 25, 2022** to your regional MCC office (see map below). The entrant's name and any other identifying information shall appear only on the first page of the document, which must be a cover sheet that includes the essay title, entrant's name, mailing address, email address, home congregation, school name and current grade level. Please also include an electronic headshot photo (at least 1200x1800 pixels), noting who took the photo. The photo may be included in news releases or other publicity under the circumstance that the entrant is awarded the grand prize.
- Essays will be judged anonymously. Each regional office will appoint one or more judges to select the best essays from their region. The top regional essays will be reviewed by designated MCC U.S. staff, who will select the national winner.

Essay entries must be e-mailed by 11:59 pm Eastern on February 25, 2022, and submitted to your regional MCC office:

MCC Central States
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MCC East Coast
eastcoast@mcc.org

MCC Great Lakes
GreatLakesOffice@mcc.org

West Coast MCC
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