

## ESSAY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All submissions must observe the following requirements:

- Essays must be a minimum of 900 words and no more than 1200 words in length, double-spaced in 11 or 12-point type with each page numbered and a total word count appearing on the Entry Form and on the last page.
- Students must cite all sources of information used in researching and writing their essays, observing the correct forms of citation and quotation.
- They must produce original work and may submit only one essay.
- Each essay must be submitted in an original and three copies, each stapled in the upper left-hand corner (no other type of binding please).
- No email or fax submissions will be accepted.
- Students must **not** include their name, grade level, or school name on any page of their essay.
- The title of the essay should appear both at the top of the first page of the essay and on the entry form.

Upon receipt, a unique number will be assigned to each submission and the entry form. The judges will receive only anonymous copies.

Essays will be judged by a panel of three. No member of an El Dorado County Democratic Club may be a judge. Names of judges will not be announced prior to the deadline for submission of essays. The decision of the judges will be final.

*“Truth is the property of no individual but is the treasure of all men”*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Applications and information are available at: [www.eldoradodemocrats.org](http://www.eldoradodemocrats.org)

## ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Sponsored by *Democrats of El Dorado County*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the submission requirements. *Democrats of El Dorado County* shall have the right to use the student's name, photograph and essay submitted in connection with any and all publicity and promotional activities regarding this contest. All entries become the property of the *Democrats of El Dorado County* and will not be returned. *Democrats of El Dorado County* accept no liability whatsoever for the loss or non-receipt of students essay. All winners must furnish the *Democrats of El Dorado County* with appropriate tax documentation (i.e. valid W-9 forms) in order to receive cash awards. All taxes on prizes are the responsibility of winners. Decisions of Judges will be final.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and required copies of your essay to:

<p><b>Democrats of El Dorado County</b> <b>P.O. Box 762</b> <b>Diamond Springs, CA 95619</b></p>
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**MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2010**