

National Sojourners 2020 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT FOR THE ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!

Prizes

1 st Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$500 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme – People Who Have Made a Difference

BACKGROUND: America has recently lost two truly great patriots. These were men who dedicated their lives to the service of their country: President George H.W. Bush and Senator John McCain. This service was distinguished by their selfless dedication to the greater good and the betterment of every citizen of this great country. In both cases, they were willing to put themselves in harm's way for what they believed, no matter the cost. President Bush recognized the accomplishments of everyday people who choose to dedicate their lives to helping others and strengthening our country through the "Thousand Points of Light" program. Senator Mc Cain was held as a prisoner of war by the North Vietnamese for seven years without ever betraying his country when he was offered early release and offered better conditions if he criticized his country. While these men typify a sense of purpose and potential of our country, each of us hold a special place in our hearts for people in our communities who personify these qualities that have made our great nation what it is today.

Question

Describe a person you know, or know of, who also personifies one of the Points of Light and has made a difference in your community through their service and sacrifice.

Rules & Essay Details

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th grades, including home schooled students
Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter using this "Authorized Cover Sheet," filled out clearly and completely
Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, received at National by Jan. 15th, 2020

Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory

Must be typed, 300 – 500 words long, & include word count; Must cite & footnote facts/quotations & include bibliography
Must include student's name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography [for tracking purposes]
Must be turned into and forwarded by your National Sojourners Chapter to be selected as winners

Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____
[Please use "nmi" for "no middle initial"]

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____ **Word Count - Mandatory:** _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Address Continued: _____ Email: _____

Your School's Name: _____ **Your Year in School [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]:** _____

Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

[1st Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out **completely** and **neatly** before copying form for local distribution.]

[2nd Chapter Hint: Please make sure the **MANDATORY** rules outlined above are followed, as an essay does not **compete** if it is not **complete**. Thanks.]

National Sojourners Chapter Name and Number: _____

Chapter Point of Contact Name: _____

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