

Dharma Inc. International



SEVENTH! Annual Writing Contest

ENTRANT COVER PAGE

Please Attach This Page to the **Front** of Your Essay

Entrant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Qualifying Age Category:

Ages	Topic (Per age categories)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ten and Under 200 – 300 words	Lord Krishna is a Naughty Boy! <i>Write about some of the activities of Lord Krishna.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Eleven to Fourteen 350 – 500 words	What about _____ ? <i>Which form of the Divine do you think should get way more attention?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fifteen to Eighteen 500 – 800 words (max 800)	The ways of the world: What I would do differently from my parents, as a Hindu.
<input type="checkbox"/> Over Eighteen 700 – 900 words (max 900)	Indentureship: Did The Americas land on us? <i>Account for <u>EITHER</u> the migration of Indians to the Caribbean (1838-1917) <u>OR</u> their later migration to the USA from the 1960's</i>

Number of Pages in your Essay: _____

Number of Words in Essay: _____



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GENERAL RULES

- Participants must write on the official topic.
- Essay should be composed in standard English.
- Entrants can feel free to use dialect, Hindi or traditional words, phrases or sentences.
- Each entry should contain a completed title page (containing):

The title of your essay

Entrant's name, address, phone number and date of birth

Number of words in essay

Total number of pages of essay

NOTE: *This information should be present only on the title page, not every page.*

- Essay should contain at least the minimum required word count and should not exceed the maximum. Verbiage exceeding the maximum word count may not be judged.
- **Each page of the essay should be numbered, starting with page 1 of the essay (not the title page) and should be numbered at the bottom right of each page.**
- Please BIND/staple/collate your essay: it's in your best interest to do so.
- **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY PAGES** – Just number them.

CONTEST REGULATIONS

All essays should comply with the following regulations before submission:

- No literary form other than an essay can be judged (no stories, poems, songs etc.).
- Wholesale or verbatim production of religious works, accounts, articles and/or events may not qualify for judging.
- Pictures or illustrations may accompany writing (may be considered at Judges' discretion).
- Essays should demonstrate the creativity of the entrant.
- You may write in or above your age category, but not below.
- Essays must be typed or handwritten and **lines should be double-spaced**.
- Each essay should reflect the entrant's own research and/or writing (no plagiarism).
- **YOUTH CATEGORIES: Parental assistance must not be to the extent that it constitutes an unfair advantage to the entrant. ALL Entrants must sufficiently demonstrate that they have composed their essays in order to qualify for placement.**
- Only one (1) essay may be submitted by each entrant.
- **Each entrant must attach a completed entry from with the essay.**
- The title of the essay, but not the entrant's name, must appear at the top of each page of essay text.
- Please submit three (3) copies of your essay to: *(address below, if mailing)*
Dharma Inc. International
3858 Shoreview Drive,
Kissimmee, FL 34744
- Copies of your essay **may be hand delivered** to a member of the Education Committee, a member of the board or the Spiritual Leader.
- You may also submit completed essays by **postal mail or email** to: info@DharmaInc.net.
- All entries must be received or postmarked **on or before Sunday, January 22nd, 2017.**

JUDGING

- Judging will be by a panel of three.
- **To guarantee fairness, no identifiable information about the entrant will be available to the Judges.**
- Judging shall be on three categories: **grammar, presentation and content**. These three categories will be allotted points of 20, 30 and 50 respectively, for a total possible score of 100 points from each judge.
- The entrant with the highest cumulative score will be declared the winner.
- Second and third places will be awarded for second and third highest cumulative scores respectively.

Please see the following guidelines to assist in understanding and obtaining maximum points:

Grammar: Maximum 20 points

How well the essay conforms to rules and standards of English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Concise language.

Presentation: Maximum 30 points

The overall presentation of the essay, writing style, double spacing, essay structure, logical flow and the progression of ideas, references, whether conclusions follow sequentially and logically from arguments. **SPECIFICALLY ANSWERING THE QUESTION of the topic.**

Content: Maximum 50 points

- # Age appropriate knowledge. Evidence of your own ideas, experience, analysis and thesis (for ages 14 and up). Credible and authoritative sources when used.
- # Corroborative conclusions drawn from established facts, norms and/or customs.

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AWARDS SCHEDULE

In the Seventh edition, awards will be offered as follows:

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	All Entrants
Under 10:	Plaque	Trophy	Trophy	Certificate of participation
11-14 Yrs.:	Plaque, gift card: \$25	Trophy	Trophy	Certificate of participation
15-18 Yrs.:	\$300 Grant	\$100 Grant	\$100 Grant	Certificate of participation
19 & Older:	\$1,000 Grant	\$250 Grant	\$250 Grant	Certificate of participation
BONUS:	Spiritual Leader's Choice Award (Trophy)			

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All prizes should be claimed in person on the appointed date and time. If it is not possible to do so and you desire a representative to claim on your behalf, this arrangement must be made, beforehand, with Dharma Inc.'s approval.
- Winning essays may be read on the appointed date and time.
- Dharma Inc. may publish selected essays on its media portals, with credit to entrants.
- Prizes should be claimed within 180 days of announcement of winners on **02/12/2017**.
- **Judges' decision is final.**
- **GOOD LUCK!** 😊

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