

The Eleventh! Annual Creative Writing Contest

\$2,000+ in CASH Grants!



Theme: “We Can Change the World...”

★ **Group Ten Years and Under** (Minimum 200 – Maximum 300 words)

★ **Group 11 – 14 Years** (Minimum 450 – Maximum 550 words)

topic: What can we do to make a better tomorrow?

Share some things we can do to make the world a better place.

★ **Group 15–18 Years** (Minimum 800 – Maximum 900 words)

★ **Group Over 18 Years** (Minimum 950 – Maximum 1,100 words)

What are the changes you would like to see, to make the world a better place?

Our world is seeing a lot of changes. What are the beneficial ones, which ones are harmful? Which changes, from what you have seen, will make things better?

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 12/04/2022, midnight (by email, web upload, postal mail or in person)

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, 01/28/2023 at Dharma Inc. | Live on facebook.com/MyDharmaInc

EVERYONE Gets REWARDED!

GRANTS	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	ALL Entrants
Under 10:	\$50	\$30	\$25	Certificate of participation*
11-14 Yrs.:	\$100	\$70	\$50	Certificate of participation*
15-18 Yrs.:	\$300	\$125	\$85	Certificate of participation*
Over 18:	\$900	\$300	\$100	Certificate of participation*
ANNUALLY	Spiritual Leader's Choice Award			

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COVER PAGE

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

Starred * fields are required

Full Name*: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth*: _____

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How did you hear about CWC? _____

Category (select ONE)

Topic

Ten and Under
(min. 200, max. 300 words)

What can we do to make a better tomorrow?

Share some things we can do to make the world a better place.

Eleven to Fourteen
(min. 450, max. 550 words)

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Fifteen to Eighteen
(min. 800, max. 900 words)

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Over Eighteen
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Number of Pages in your Essay: _____ EXACT Number of Words in your Essay: _____



GENERAL RULES

- Entrants must write on the official topic.
- Entry should be composed in standard English.
- Entrants may use a dialect, Hindi or any cultural words, phrases or expressions, but *only* as enhancements.
- Please ensure your Cover Page is COMPLETELY filled out.
- Each entry must contain at least the minimum required word count and should not exceed the maximum. *Verbiage exceeding the maximum word count cannot not be judged.*
- Begin page numbering on the first page of your entry. **Numbering must be done on the bottom right of each page.**
- Please bind/staple/collate your entry: it is in your best interest to do so.
- Please ensure your name appears **only** on the cover page (No names on your entry).

CONTEST REGULATIONS

Entries should comply with the following regulations before submission:

- No literary form other than the one specified for your category will qualify for judging.
- Entries should reflect the entrant's own research and/or writing (no plagiarism).
- **Entries are considered “point of view” which means there is no “correct” or “incorrect” answer. Do not be afraid to express yourself, to agree, disagree, or take a side in your entries. Freely and fearlessly express yourself 😊**
- Entrants may write in, or above their age category - but not below.
- Entries must be typed or hand-written and **lines must be double-spaced**.
- **Categories Ten and Under and Eleven to Fourteen:** 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 entries in order to qualify for placement.

ALL ENTRANTS should ensure:

- You are competing in only one (1) category.
- **You have attached a completed cover page with your submission.**
- Your entry pages are numbered and do not contain your name.
- You submit your entry by **email, upload or hard copy**.
- If you are submitting by email: info@Dharmainc.net or swahainternational@gmail.com
- Your entry can be UPLOADED via Dharmainc.net or Swahainternational.org websites.

- If submitting **hard/paper copies**, please ensure:
You submit **THREE (3) hard copies** of your entry to: *(only if mailing)*
Dharma Inc. International or **Swaha International**
851 W Donegan Avenue, **19 Chotoo Street, Aranguez,**
Kissimmee, FL 34741 **Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies**

IF HAND DELIVERING:

Please hand deliver **THREE (3) hard copies** to
EITHER a member of the CWC Team at Dharma Inc. or Swaha International
OR your School or Mandir Representative

Your entry must be received or postmarked **on or before Sunday, December 4th 2022.**

JUDGING

- Judging will be by a panel of three.
- **To guarantee fairness, no identifiable information about the entrant will be available to the Judges.**
- Entries will be scored according to the provided rubric. **IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST to follow the rubric when composing your entry.**
- 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.

~~~ GENERAL WRITING GUIDE ~~~

Grammar:

How well the entry conforms to rules and standards of English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Appropriate language style (story, poetry or entry) for your entry type.

Presentation:

The overall presentation of the entry, writing style, double spacing, writing 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:

ENTRIES:

- Age appropriate knowledge.
- Evidence of independent ideas, experiences, creativity, analysis and a thesis, if applicable.
- Must contain an opinion and/or point(s) of view.
- Stay in the **FIRST PERSON** point of view (make yourself the narrator).
- Pay particular attention to support your point of view with words and phrases such as (but not limited to): 'because', 'as a result of', 'if' and 'then', 'therefore', 'in light of', 'it is evident', 'I submit that...', 'in conclusion'
- If using references or statistics: Please cite sources (book, journal or webpage) in standard reference formats, i.e. footnotes or endnotes.

*** RUBRIC ***

A rubric will be provided – Judges will mark your entries **BASED ON THE RUBRIC.**

AWARDS:

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

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All awards 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 or SWAHA International's consent.
- Please contact your LOCAL/COUNTRY host to arrange award receipt. Additionally, one may contact Dharma Inc. at info@Dharmainc.net at anytime for award guidance.
- Dharma Inc. may publish selected entries on its media portals, with credit to entrants.
- Awards must be claimed within 120 days of announcement of winners on **01/28/2023**.
- Cash awards will be paid in the currency of the recipients' country of residence, at the currency conversion rate on the day of disbursement.
- Judges' decision is final
- **BEST OF LUCK FROM CWC!** 😊

RUBRIC

This document shows the criteria judges will use to mark your entries. Please use it to guide your grammar, content and organization.

Criteria	Proficient	Satisfactory	Emerging	Beginning	Marks
Mechanics/ Grammar	<p><u>12-15 marks</u></p> <p>Accurate use of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence formation.</p>	<p><u>8-11 marks</u></p> <p>Satisfactory use of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence formation.</p>	<p><u>4-7 marks</u></p> <p>Minor errors in usage of proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and/or sentence formation.</p>	<p><u>0-3 marks</u></p> <p>Various errors in usage of proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and/or sentence formation.</p>	<p>Max: 15 marks</p>
Content	<p><u>48-65 marks</u></p> <p>Topic proficiently addressed with point of view clearly expressed throughout the paper.</p> <p>Exceptionally well-presented, ideas are detailed, well-developed, supported with specific evidence as well as examples and specific details.</p>	<p><u>31-47 marks</u></p> <p>Topic satisfactorily addressed with point of view expressed throughout most of the paper.</p> <p>Well-presented, ideas are detailed, developed, and supported with evidence and details.</p>	<p><u>15-30 marks</u></p> <p>Topic addressed with some apparent point of view expressed throughout the paper.</p> <p>Ideas are presented but not particularly developed or supported.</p>	<p><u>0-14 marks</u></p> <p>Topic is minimally addressed with point of view minimally or not clearly expressed.</p> <p>Poor sequence in flow of ideas. Minimal and/or superficial content of named topic.</p>	<p>Max: 65 marks</p>
Organization	<p><u>16-20 marks</u></p> <p>All paragraphs have clear ideas, are supported with examples.</p> <p>Well-planned and well-thought-out.</p> <p>Sentences are clear and varied in pattern, from simple to complex.</p>	<p><u>11-15 marks</u></p> <p>Most paragraphs have clear ideas, are supported with examples.</p> <p>Good overall organization.</p> <p>Sentences are clear and varied.</p>	<p><u>6-10 marks</u></p> <p>Some paragraphs have clear ideas, support from examples may be missing.</p> <p>Entry is partially organized.</p> <p>Sentences are clear but may lack variation.</p>	<p><u>0-5 marks</u></p> <p>Paragraphs lack clear ideas.</p> <p>Entry is poorly or not organized.</p> <p>Minimal use of a variety of words and control of sentence structures.</p>	<p>Max: 20 marks</p>

GUIDANCE PAGE

(Do not include in your final submission)

- Use this document as the shell or structure of your essay.**
- You can highlight the headlines and type over it as you follow the template.**
- You can then NAME and SAVE your file – this will be your essay.**

Here are some useful TIPS to write your best essay:

1. Understand your topic before starting your answer.
2. Address the topic as a question - that you need to analyze and answer.
3. Clearly define your point of view on the topic.
4. Express your points clearly; avoid excessive wording/padding.
5. Have a clear introduction that supports your point of view.
6. Provide details supporting your point of view in following paragraphs.
7. Maintain the focus of the topic.
8. There is NO INCORRECT or CORRECT ANSWER – it's about how clearly and well you express views and experiences. Express yours freely!
9. Use evidence in your country/region to support your views, and to add context to your essay.
10. Be sure to insert your final impression in your conclusion.

IMPORTANT!

Please remember to:

DELETE all guidance notes and text from this template.

EXCLUDE this page in your final submission.

-- START--

Your Essay Title (replace this line with your title)

- *Ensure your title is at the top of EVERY page.*
- *Ensure that your pages are also being numbered at the bottom (this should happen automatically)*

Introductory Paragraph

- *Give a one paragraph introduction to your position or what you feel and how strongly you feel about it.*

ITEMIZE (do not explain) why you feel this way here. E.g. I feel (this way) because 1, 2, 3,

- *etc. or I like mangoes because of its color, taste and price. (no details here)*
- **NOTE: The introductory paragraph is supposed to serve as an introduction—or an overview—of what the paper is about.**

Paragraphs supporting your Point of View

- *Here you will use the Main Point paragraphs to give some details on WHY you feel (this way).*
- *That is, Main Point #1 will give details about #1 in your introductory paragraph, and so on.*
- *There is no fixed amount of Main Point paragraphs but be sure to monitor your word count.*

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- *Include more points/paragraphs in SUPPORT of your view, not against.*
- *Do not make your paragraphs too long. New paragraphs are a great way to SEPARATE your thoughts nicely.*
- *Do not include more details than is necessary, be concise or exact.*
- *DO NOT WRITE as if you are speaking. Make full sentences and avoid abbreviations such as we're, aren't, I'll etc. Use 'we are', 'are not', 'I will' etc. instead.*

Example of paragraphs supporting your introduction:

- *Use supporting paragraphs with examples or references*
- *E.g. the color of mangoes reminds me of summer. Red mangoes make me hungry and green mangoes make me remember my uncle's mango tree at his house... (THIS IS WHERE YOU PUT THE DETAILS)*

Alternative views in a paragraph or two

- *Every good essay considers various points of view so be sure to include some in the detailed paragraphs sections.*
- *E.g. Some people do not enjoy mangoes because it can be hard to peel and messy to eat. But I think this is the fun part of eating a mango!*

Reflection on your main points

- *Here you can use one paragraph to draw general conclusions about the main points you wrote about. E.G. Points 1, 2,3 make me feel/show clearly/prove/justify the way I feel.*

TIP: You can also include a shorter paragraph summarizing the points that may be against your point of view. E.G. Some views may reflect -1,-2,-3 etc. (it is important now, to use the word "HOWEVER") however, I feel like my point of view is still strong.

Concluding paragraph

- *Imagine your concluding paragraph as yourself explaining to your teacher/professor what you wrote about and how you felt.*
- *Do not be too lengthy as you already explained the details in your earlier paragraphs.*
- *BE SURE TO END WITH A STRONG STATEMENT THAT CLEARLY SHOWS THE WAY YOU FEEL.*

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