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Washington (DC) Chapter



ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

GRADES
7-8
12-15 years old as of July 1, 2025

Craft an essay Go to arts camp!

Apply
May 5-26, 2025

Winners notified on
June 2, 2025

CONTEST RULES

- Open to students in grades 7-8 in D.C. schools.
- Essays must be original and written by the student.
- Adhere to the topic, "The Importance of The Arts in My Educational Experience,"
- Judging criteria include originality, clarity, structure, and adherence to the theme.
- Essays must be no less than 250 words and no more than 750 words.

★ **PRIZE** ★
ADMISSION TO ATTEND
CAMP ARENA STAGE
JULY 28-AUGUST 8, 2025



the mead center
for american theater



How to Register?

Deadline:
11:59 PM EDT
May 26, 2025

Submit your essay by emailing WDCArtsFacet@gmail.com.

Contact Information

For more information, contact The Arts Facet Chairs, Washington (DC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated at WDCArtsFacet@gmail.com.





The Links, Incorporated

Washington (DC) Chapter 2025 Arts Essay Contest

Overview: The Links, Incorporated creates and supports art-related educational opportunities for youth as well as presents and supports performances by youth and accomplished professional artists in an array of disciplines. Camp Arena Stage is a full-day, multi-arts summer camp, for young people, ages 8-15. The Camp focuses on Art, Visual Arts, Dance, Theater, Music, Writing, and Film, and students are invited to discover and create within their own individual talent and ability.

Theme: Draft an essay on the topic, “**The Importance of The Arts in My Educational Experience**,” sharing the contestant’s passion for The Arts. Draft should name a member of The Arts community who has been an inspiration to you and share how they inspired you to pursue The Arts.

Participants/Eligibility: The essay contest is open to students (Grades 7 & 8, and 12-15 years old as of July 1, 2025) who attend schools in the District of Columbia (D.C.). ***Must be a D.C. Resident committed to attend the full summer 2025 camp session at Camp Arena Stage (July 28-August 8, 2025, from 9 AM to 4 PM).**

Entry Fee: FREE to all eligible participants.

Prizes: Admission for one (1) eligible student to attend the July 28-August 8, 2025, two-week camp session of [Camp Arena Stage](#).

Deadline/Submission Details: Draft and submit an essay of no less than 250 words of no more than 750 words and email to WDCArtsFacet@gmail.com.

Entry Period: May 5-May 26, 2025.

Essay: Submitted essay must express student’s passion for The Arts on the topic, “The Importance of Arts in My Educational Experience.”

Subject Matter and Suitability: The students’ essay must reflect the theme of the competition. All entries must be **the students’ original work** and **not violate any U.S. copyright laws**. “An original essay that is created by the student.” Each student may submit **no more than one essay**. Essays that depict violence, political controversy or do not reflect the theme of the contest will be disqualified.

How to Enter: A copy of the Entry Form and an Essay must be provided as a WORD or PDF document and in 12-to-14-point type to the email of **WDCArtsFacet@gmail.com**. For consideration, **submit by 11:59 PM on EDT on May 26, 2025. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Selection of Winners: Judging criteria include originality, clarity, structure, and adherence to the theme. The judging panel will consist of Washington (DC) chapter members.

Finalist Notification: Notification will be on June 2nd. The winner will be notified by email and phone call.

Use of Entries: Contestants (through their guardians) authorize the use of their original writing for contest and photo for promotional purposes. Contestants (through their guardians) hold harmless The Links, Incorporated; Washington (DC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and Arena Stage from any liability.

Questions: Please contact direct questions to WDCArtsFacet@gmail.com.

Entry form on following page

ARTS ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____

Homeroom Teacher Name: _____

Title of
Essay: _____

Inspiration for Essay:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Relationship to Student: _____

Home Address:

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Parent Email Address:

Parent Phone Number(s):

I _____ am the parent/guardian of a student named, _____ . I grant permission for them to participate in the above-described contest.

I have read and understand the contest rules.

I acknowledge the terms and conditions of the contest.

I acknowledge that there risks associated with any and all activities.

I release The Links, Incorporated, the Washington (DC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and Arena Stage, their members, agents, and employees of liability and hold harmless the above-named organizations for any injuries or damages that may occur during or related to the contest.

If the student named on this entry form wins the prize, I acknowledge that the prize money will be applied to the cost of them attending camp, and I confirm that the student is available to attend a full summer 2025 camp session at Camp Arena Stage (July 28-August 8,2025, from 9 AM to 4 PM).

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____