

2023 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. Massachusetts Credit Unions

ESSAY QUESTION

“With the worst of it behind us, the world continues to adjust to a new normal in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been many adjustments in the ways we work, the way we learn and the way we socialize as a result. Please discuss the changes in your own life that have become part of YOUR new normal...things you do differently now from the way you did them before COVID.”

Students are asked to write an essay revolving around this theme. The essay should be no more than 250 words in length. Please follow guidelines below.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Only students currently in the seventh and eighth grades are eligible to participate.
- Students must be Massachusetts residents.
- Schools must be located in Massachusetts.
- Students must be sponsored by a member credit union in good standing with the Association.
- All essays must be handwritten by the student.
- Essays should be no more than 250 words in length.
- Only one essay per student may be submitted. Each student may be sponsored by only one credit union.
- Each essay should include the student’s name and grade level, home address, school name, teacher’s name, principal’s name and sponsoring credit union.
- Essays will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Originality
 - Content
 - Neatness
 - Grammar/Spelling

The deadline to submit essay is Friday, January 20th, 2023

Entries can be submitted to your local GFA branch or by mailing them to:

GFA Federal Credit Union
Attn: Marketing
229 Parker St.
Gardner, MA 01440

Eighteen winners will be selected for the following awards:

First Prize (1) - \$500 Finalist (7) - \$250 Honorable Mention (10) - \$50

Winners will be announced in April. An awards ceremony will be scheduled in the spring to honor the contest winners. The decision of the Association’s committee is final.



