

Together Friends Organization



Essay Competition 2023

Deadline for submissions:

October 20, 2023

Winners announced:

October 25, 2023

**Overcoming
Challenges**

Parent /Grandparent Appreciation Essay Competition

Together Friends Organization (TFO) is proud to present their annual Parent / Grandparent Appreciation Essay Competition. TFO wishes to honor the parents and grandparents of the students in the Clayton County School System.

Rules:

- Each student will write a Letter of Appreciation to recognize a specific contribution their parent or grandparent made that inspired and encouraged the student.
- Each essay must be 350 to 500 words. The student should reference a particular experience and explain how their parent or grandparent showed faith and support, while motivating the student to push through a challenging experience.
- The essay must be non-fictional and must be written and edited by the student ONLY. Essays that contain parent or adult guidance Will Not be considered.
- Each essay is to be typed and emailed to Wanda Trotter at: WandaTrotter@togetherfriends.org by the deadline date October 20, 2023.
- Essay must include the following entry information:

1. Student Name	3. Name of parent or grandparent to be recognized
2. Grade	4. ELA Teacher Name

- Winners must be present to receive their prize

Judging Criteria:

- A panel of Together Friends Organization Board of Directors will judge each essay based on: content, strong support of evidence given, originality, clear presentation of the topic and creativity. The judges will also consider additional criteria such as spelling and proper punctuation.

Awards:

- Junior Winner (Elementary) and Senior Winner (Middle School) will receive \$100 and their parent or grandparent will receive a gift.
- Junior Runner Up (Elementary) and Senior Runner Up (Middle School) will receive \$50 and their parent or grandparent will receive a gift.