



The Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta

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To: High School Principals, Guidance counselors, English and History teachers

Reference: Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta 15th Annual High School Writing Contest for Juniors

In 2003, the Georgetown Club of Georgia initiated a writing contest for high school juniors in an effort to encourage students to think broadly and analytically about global issues while sharpening their communication skills via the written word. On behalf of the Club, I extend this formal invitation to your junior class to participate in the Fifteenth Annual **Georgia High School Writing Contest**.

Following on the University's philosophy of imparting to students an acute sense of global issues, social justice, and a calling to work for the common good, the Writing Contest challenges students to tackle real issues that require creative solutions and unique perspectives. The enclosed flyer contains the Contest details, including the topic, format, deadline, and submission information. Please feel free to make photocopies of this flyer to share with your juniors. **The deadline for submitting essays is Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at midnight.** Awards will be presented during The Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta's Winter Gala January 6, 2018 in Atlanta. Contest winners, their parents, and their principal will be invited to attend the Gala as guests of the Club. There will be an additional charge for other guests or family members.

Should you have any questions, please contact Rebecca O'Connor, via email at georgetownessay@gmail.com. You may also find an electronic copy of the Contest information by visiting our Club website at <http://alumni.georgetown.edu/georgia>. You may use this to email to your staff and Academic departments.

Thank you for your assistance and your commitment to educating today's youth. We look forward to reading the perspectives submitted by your juniors in their essays.

With kindest regards,

Rebecca Welsh O'Connor

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Chair – Georgia High School Writing Contest

Enclosure

Founded in 1789, the same year the U.S. Constitution took effect; Georgetown University is the nation's oldest Catholic and Jesuit University. Today, Georgetown is a major international research university that embodies its founding principles in the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff, our commitment to justice and the common good, our intellectual openness, and our international character.



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TOPIC

You are the Secretary General of the United Nations in 2017. You have been approached by an anonymous donor who would like to contribute \$50,000,000 or more towards a world program, in the hopes of addressing *and/or* solving a most important dilemma facing the international community of nations in 2017

What issue or issues would you address with these funds? Why is it the most important issue (s) facing the nations of the world in 2017? How would you expect this donation to benefit the dilemma you chose and how would you measure success? *Please elaborate on just one topic or up to three topics for the use of these funds.*

INSTRUCTIONS

The Writing Contest is strictly for full-time high school students in their junior year (Grade 11) in the state of Georgia. Essays should be between three to five pages typed in 12-point font, with 1.5 spacing. Please submit your essay in a Word file to our distinguished panel of judges via email at the following address: georgetownessay@gmail.com.

Please ensure that your essay *cover* page includes the following: your full name, high school, home address, email address, phone number, *your principal's name, email address and school phone number. The cover page should be sent separate from the essay.* No limit exists as to the number of students who may participate from each high school. Do not put your name on every page of your essay – just on the cover.

DEADLINE

All essays must be received by **November 1, 2017** Essays received later than midnight on November 1st will not be accepted. An email confirmation will be sent a few days after your submission. Essays will be judged on creativity, understanding of world issues, clarity of thought, and grammar. Winners will be notified in late December 2017.

AWARDS

First Place: \$1,000: Second Place: \$500: Third Place: \$300
Awards will be presented during The Georgetown Club of Georgia's Winter Gala on January 6, 2018 in Atlanta. Contest winners, their parents, and their principals will be invited to attend the Gala as guests of the Club.

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The Georgetown Club of Georgia highly values ethical and fair standards. Any attempt at plagiarism by a Writing Contest participants will be reported to the student's high school principal – no exceptions.

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