

# KWANZAA

## “What Kwanzaa Means to Me” Essay Contest

### Call for Essays on the Principles of Kwanzaa: December 9, 2024 – January 17, 2025

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a student, between the ages of 5 – 12 years of age; be willing to attend an awards ceremony on Thursday, February 6, 2025, & be willing to appear on cable television.

**GUIDELINES:** Entries must be original work of students. Please include the following information:

- Student’s name,
- Birth date,
- Parent’s name, home address & telephone number,
- Grade, school and teacher's name.

**ESSAY/POETRY:** Paper size: 8 ½ x 11 inches.  
Essays/Poems may be handwritten or typed.  
Contestants have the option of writing about a selected Kwanzaa Principle or the entire Holiday.

**RESPONSE DATE:** Entries must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, January 17, 2025 by email as an attachment (ksokoya@gmail.com) or drop it off at our office.**

Winners in each category (Ages 5-8 & 9-12) will receive  
The following awards:

- First Place – Bicycle or scooter
- Second Place – Software App
- Third Place - Gift Certificate

Winning contestants will also be honored in the Trust Fund’s Newsletter and on the Website. Winners will be announced on Monday, January 22, 2024 and prizes will be presented on Thursday, February 8, 2024, Black History Month.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged on accuracy, originality, creativity, and expression of theme. Decision of the judges is final.

**Please submit your entry to: DC CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND**

**Attn: Kwanzaa Essay Contest**

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**For questions, call: (443) 852-5767; (202) 299-0900**



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