

#ALLINFORKIDS Champions Contest

Written Expression Guidelines

1. The participant will submit a typewritten essay (double-spaced), story, or poem responding to the following topic: Why is giving back to my community, a good example to my younger peers important? How can I be a Community Champion?
2. Entries must be a minimum of 150 words and no more than 600 words.
3. No pictures or graphics should be included with the entry.
4. Name, school, and grade level must be included on the entry.

Creative Expression Guidelines

1. Through creative expression, students will respond to the following topic: Giving Back to my Community: Demonstrate the meaning of being A Champion of the Community.
2. Students can express themselves through painting, photography, song, video, drawing on paper or canvas, sculpting in clay, play dough, ceramic, wood, metal, or other material; or through any other artistic means not covered in one of the other three categories of the competition. Songs must be a minimum of 3 minutes and 6 minutes maximum. Deductions will be assessed if over or under.
3. Paper, canvas, wood, or other flat entries should be no larger than 24" x 36". Other entries should be easily carried and should fit within an 18" x 18" x 18" cardboard box for safe transporting. If a box is needed, the student must provide it with the entry.
4. For *photography*, typed or handwritten captions should be used to explain the pictures and how they relate to the contest's theme. Pictures should be placed within plastic sheet covers, inserted into a binder or folder, and limited to no more than ten pages – front sides only.
5. A typed or handwritten title of artwork should be submitted, along with a brief description of how the entry depicts the theme of the competition. The description should be no longer than one paragraph (four to five sentences).
6. Name, school, and grade level must be included on the entry.

Each student must sign the affirmation statement on the official entry form stating the entry is his or her original work. In addition, each student must sign the permission release statement, allowing CIS to use a student's image and name for marketing purposes. A parent or legal guardian must also sign the affirmation of originality and the permission release statement.

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Public Speaking Guidelines

1. Through public speaking, students will respond to the following topic: Giving Back to my Community: Demonstrate the meaning of being A Champion of the Community.
2. Students must write a speech and present it in front of an approved organization or group of adults and a CIS staff member at a specified time. ***The speech must be videotaped. Close-up shots of the student during the speech are preferred, along with an audience shot before the speech begins. Entries must be a minimum of 3 minutes and the maximum 6 minutes. Deductions will be assessed if over or under. Keep a copy for your records. A responsible adult, such as a teacher or CIS staff member, must certify that the videotaping followed all required guidelines by signing the student's entry form in the appropriate space.***
3. Students must submit a typewritten, double-spaced copy of their speech at the time of their presentation. Both the typewritten speech and videotape must be included on a disk or flash drive and submitted for contest judging.
4. The speech should be memorized, but participants may use index cards or an outline for reference.
5. The winners will have an opportunity to present their speeches at the Communities In Schools Dinner and Fashion show on May 24, 2018. Entry should be checked to ensure they load properly and the volume is at a level where it can be heard.
6. Name, school, and grade level must be included on the entry.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 5PM FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

- All written/video entries should be emailed to: cgarciaquick@cissavannah.org
- Creative Expression Descriptions should be emailed to: cgarciaquick@cissavannah.org
 - Creative Expression projects can be delivered to:



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OR can be scheduled for pick up/coordinated delivery by emailing: cgarciaquick@cissavannah.org



CHAMPIONS CONTEST PARENT CONSENT FORM

Communities In Schools of Savannah is an affiliate of the national Communities In Schools network, the nation's leading dropout prevention organization. The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. We are committed to helping students achieve success in school by providing various support services and enrichment experiences to meet academic and non-academic. As a result, our youth will be better equipped to find meaningful employment, lead productive, gratifying lives, and become contributing members of our society.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter, _____ has been selected to participate in the Communities In Schools of Savannah Champions Contest sponsored by Communities In Schools of Savannah and Goodwill of Southeast Georgia. My name is Catalina Garcia-Quick, I am the Executive Director for Communities In Schools of Savannah and I will be your point of contact for any questions you may have about the contest. My contact information is listed below.

Your consent is required for your child's general participation in the contest. Please complete the following:

I give permission for my son/daughter, _____, to participate in the Communities In Schools of Savannah (CIS) Champions Contest in the _____ SCCPSS _____ school district while he/she is enrolled in the _____ Grade at _____ School or until I notify CIS, in writing, of my desire to withdraw my student from the contest.

By signing this Parent Consent/Release of Information, I authorize the following:

- I give permission for my child to participate in the Champions Contest.
- I give permission for my child to participate in field trips and other activities sponsored by CIS. Private transportation may be used in these and other activities.
- I give permission for routine or emergency medical or dental treatment by any licensed medical practitioner to be provided in the event of illness or accident if I am unable to be reached. I further state that I will not hold Communities In Schools of Savannah, Savannah-Chatham School District, or any other authorized work site, organization or agency liable for medical treatment in case of illness, accident or any other emergency situation.
- I acknowledge that this consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time by informing CIS staff, in writing, except that prior consent will still apply to the extent that agencies have already taken action in reliance of it.
- I acknowledge that the release of records under this consent is subject to any limitations placed by federal and state law.
- I understand that the data and information collected on my child is maintained in a secure computer database and a case file. This information is used by CIS to document services provided to students and families for tracking and reporting purposes. I also understand that CIS may use the information to update service information, provide closure and follow-up information, and evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the program. I authorize CIS to maintain the information provided for the purposes noted above in the CIS computer database and case file.

This data collection may include, but is not restricted to the following:

- a. Enrollment status
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Behavior records
 - d. Demographic information (race/ethnicity, gender, etc.)
 - e. Grade reports, test scores and transcripts
 - f. Surveys and/or interviews about his/her/their knowledge, attitudes or skills.
- I understand that this information will remain confidential, and that only approved staff, volunteers or agents of CIS will be to access and look at my child's data.
 - I also understand that my child's responses will be automatically grouped together with the responses of other students for any public presentations of findings, and that my child will not be individually linked to his/her responses.
 - I acknowledge that I have the right to inspect and that I can obtain a copy of any record released by this consent upon request in writing to the releasing agency, subject to any applicable copying costs and legal limitations.
 - I give my permission to CIS of Savannah and Goodwill of South East Georgia to photograph, film, video and/or make sound recordings of my child, to quote or publish statements of my child and to use such photographs, films, video, sound recordings and/or other statements for educational and promotional/advertising materials.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Printed) Signature Date

Home Telephone Work Telephone Mobile Telephone

Email Address

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For more information about Communities In Schools of Savannah visit our website @ CISSAVANNAH.ORG

You can also follow us on Facebook/Twitter @[@CISSAVANNAH](https://www.facebook.com/CISSAVANNAH)

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