

32nd Annual Contest

Concerns About Recreational Marijuana/THC Use and Driving

Eighth Grade Essay Contest

Sponsored by
The Missouri Peace Officers
Foundation



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The Missouri Peace Officers Foundation (MPOF) is asking for your support for Missouri law enforcement and their communities. This information is designed to acquaint you with the Foundation and the impact it is making on many lives.

The Foundation was formed to consolidate the community services and programs needed to support Missouri law enforcement officers, their families and their communities. It is an authorized 501 (C) (3) not for profit organization. The Foundation is comprised of a group of law enforcement professionals dedicated to serving others. They volunteer their time and effort: they receive no compensation.

The mission of the Missouri Peace Officers Foundation is to unify Missouri law enforcement's support of their communities through education, support, and service.

1. Missouri Peace Officers Foundation funds community services on behalf of Missouri law enforcement.
2. Missouri Peace Officers Foundation offers a way to support law enforcement through tax deductible donations.
3. Missouri Peace Officers Foundation supports all communities throughout Missouri.

The Foundation funds annual community programs that focus on our children. Among these is an annual essay contest, with cash awards for 8th grade students. We also sponsor a college scholarship award program for the sons and daughters of Missouri law enforcement officers who are members of the Missouri Peace Officers Association (MPOA).

The Foundation provides a line of duty death benefit to the family of MPOA members who are killed in the line of duty.

With the exception of normal business expenses, all funds raised go to the activities listed above. Monies not expended are banked for the purpose of building an endowment fund for the future. The MPOF is also supported by 1,100-member Missouri Peace Officer Association.

We need your help. We appreciate your consideration and willingness to become one of our partners. Thank you for your support.

Teachers: Please make copies of the entry form to the left and post the flyer (other side) on your eighth grade bulletin boards.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Student: _____

Age: _____ Class Hour _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Teacher Phone: _____

" CONCERNS ABOUT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA/THC USE AND DRIVING"

32nd Annual Eighth Grade Student Essay Contest

Please make copies of this form available to your students. **Entries received without this form will be disqualified.** All entries must be received no later than February 21, 2024.

Email entries to: the.mpoa@mopoa.org

(Do not email thru Google Docs)

OR Mail to:

ESSAY CONTEST

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Concerns About Recreational Marijuana/THC Use and Driving

Thirty-Second Annual Eighth Grade Essay Contest

PRIZES

 **1st Place: \$500 ***
 **2nd Place: \$200**
 **3rd Place: \$100**

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Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to all eighth-grade students in Missouri enrolled during the 2023-24 school year.
2. Entries should be a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 750 words and must address the theme: “**Concerns About Recreational Marijuana/THC Use and Driving**”
3. The Missouri Peace Officers Foundation readily acknowledges that spelling, punctuation, and proper grammar are important in essay construction. However, for purposes of this contest, judging emphasis will be placed on the content and message of each entry.
4. Entries must be typed. *The student’s name, class hour, and teacher’s name must be on page one of each essay.*
5. All entries must be submitted with a completed entry form. The form is on the back of this pamphlet and may be photocopied.
6. For each school participating in the contest, MPOF requests that the principal or instructor select and submit *only the three best essays* from each class hour that is participating. *Entries must be reviewed by the principal or instructor to be eligible.*
7. **All entries must be received no later than February 21, 2024.** All winners will be notified through their schools, by phone or mail.
8. Entries become the property of the Missouri Peace Officers Foundation. Entries will not be returned, and the Foundation is not liable for lost or missing entries.
9. The Missouri Peace Officers Foundation reserves the right to reproduce and to publicize the names of the winners and their essays.

*Students with the winning essays will receive \$300. Their teachers will receive \$100, and their schools will receive \$100.

Five cash prizes will be awarded in each of the eastern and western sides of the state for a total of ten prizes. Winners will be contacted through their schools before the end of the 2023-24 school year.