



# M.A.C.K. (Male Action Changing Kids) Award

## ESSAY RULES

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*All participants must follow General Rules for Participation.*

### **Description**

Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the program theme, “HOW A MALE POSITIVELY CHANGED/INFLUENCED MY LIFE.” Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner chosen from each division – Primary (Preschool – Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3 – 5), Middle School (Grades 6 – 8), and High School (Grades 9 -12). The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive \$100.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will receive \$50.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive \$25.00.

### **Presentation & Format**

- Entries must not exceed 250 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Page numbers & student name, grade, school, home address, phone number, e-mail, and parent/ guardian signature (if child is under 18 years of age), and essay submission date should be included on the back of the last page. If participate is 18 years or older, parent /guardian signature not required.
- Illustrated entries with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not accepted.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

### **Dictation and Typing**

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students in preschool, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

### **Translation**

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language.  
**An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**
- Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student’s original work.

### **Submission Instructions:**

- **Paper format of literary entry:**
  - Submit literature works on 8.5 x 11 paper.
  - Submit envelope to OHIO PTA, Attn: Male Involvement Chair, 40 Northwoods Blvd. Suite A, Columbus, OH 43235-4718.
  - Please include two copies of literature entry and complete student information with applicable signatures.
  - Deadline for essay submission is March 1; winners will be notified, with further information, regarding date, time, and location for presentation of award.

### **Ohio PTA Information:**

ESSAY entries **will not** be returned. PLEASE **make copies prior to submitting to Ohio PTA.**