



# Teen Diversity Essay Contest Application

# The Westport Library...

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Essay Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Essay Topic and Charge

*“White privilege’ is a topic that surfaced during the recent presidential election. In 1,000 words or less, describe how you understand the term ‘white privilege’. To what extent do you think this privilege exists? What impact do you think it has had in your life—whatever your racial or ethnic identity—and in our society more broadly?”*

1. Submit the following together as a complete package:
  - a. Completed application with signatures of student and parent/guardian.
  - b. An essay according to the **“Essay Topic and Charge”** stated above.
    - Essay should be double-spaced with title in the header of each page along with author’s name, page number and submission date in the footer.
2. Mail the package to
 

TEAM Westport Essay Contest  
 c/o Human Services Department  
 Westport Town Hall  
 110 Myrtle Avenue  
 [Postmark deadline is March 6, 2017]  
 OR  
 Scan completed application and email package to [info@teamwestport.org](mailto:info@teamwestport.org)  
 [Email receipt deadline is March 6, 2017]

All applicants must be grade 9-12 students who are Westport residents or attend a Westport school (public or private).

1. All submissions become the property of TEAM Westport and the Town of Westport, CT.
2. The applicant and parent/guardian certify that the essay being submitted is exclusively the work of the applicant.
3. If the applicant’s essay is chosen for one of the prizes the applicant and parent/guardian may either
  - a. Choose to remain anonymous; receive their award in a private ceremony with the First Selectman and have their essays read at the public ceremony by a contest judge OR
  - b. Choose public acknowledgement and agree that they will make themselves available for photographs and/or videos and such photos and/or videos as well as the essay may be used for publicity including media distribution by TEAM Westport, the Westport Library and the Town of Westport.
4. The awards ceremony for this contest will take place on April 3, 2017 at the Westport Library (McManus Room) at 6:30pm. All winners will be contacted prior to the event.

### **Signatures**

By signing below, the applicant and their parent/guardian certify their agreement to the above terms, as well as to the validity of the information submitted.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (Pls Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Forward any questions to [info@teamwestport.org](mailto:info@teamwestport.org)**  
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