

Girl Scout Global Citizens essay contest rules

OFFICIAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES:

By participating in a contest with Girl Scouts of the USA, entrants agree to these rules, terms and conditions.

HOW TO ENTER:

All completed entries must be received by MARCH 15, 2009 in order to be considered as a contest entry for the GLOBAL CITIZENS ESSAY CONTEST. All entries must be submitted via electronic submission to gsglobalcitizen@girlscouts.org or via mail to:

Attn: Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest,
Girl Scouts of the USA
420 5th ave. 15th Floor,
New York, NY 10018.

All entries and release forms are to be submitted by a parent or guardian who is eighteen years of age or older. Contest entries must include a parent and/or guardian's name, complete mailing address, email address, adult's telephone number and girl entrant's council name. All contest entries become the property of Girl Scouts of the USA, and Girl Scouts of the USA may use any of the entries for any purpose whatsoever, without further compensation to the entrant. Essays will be read and judged by Girl Scouts of the USA and Smithsonian Student Travel and EF Education Tours, providers of student trips, for sincerity, clarity and overall quality. To be eligible for the prize, all entrants must be registered Girl Scouts, between the ages of 12-17 as of March 15, 2009, and be able to obtain proper travel documents (i.e.: passport, travel visa, etc.). Winners aged 15 and up must have or obtain a valid passport by June 1, 2009.

RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

One entry per person. Alternate entries will result in disqualification. Void where prohibited by law. Girl Scouts of the USA reserves the right to cancel, terminate or modify the contest if it is not capable of completion as planned for any reason, including, but not limited to, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention or technical failures of any kind. The decision of Girl Scouts of the USA is final. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Girl Scouts of the USA, local Girl Scout council affiliates and staff, their subsidiaries and affiliates, their officers, directors, agents, board of directors, insurers, and employees, and their advertising and promotional agencies and sponsors assume no responsibility or liability whatsoever for damages, loss or injury resulting from participating in this contest or acceptance or use of any prize. In consideration for participation in this contest and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the submitting parent and/or guardian, on their own and on girl Entrant's behalf, and on behalf of their heirs, successors or assigns, administrators and personal representatives, does hereby COVENANT NOT TO SUE, FULLY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE (i) Girl Scouts of the USA, (ii) local Girl Scout council affiliates, (iii) partners and related entities, (iv) each of their respective directors, board of directors, officers, employees, agents, insurers, attorneys, shareholders and representatives, and (v) each predecessor, successor, and assign thereof, from and against any and all actions, charges, claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) and liabilities of any kind or character, whether known or unknown, in connection with, arising out of or in any way related to submitting parent and/or guardian's and girl Entrant's participation in this contest.



WEB SITE ENTRIES:

For all contest website entries on www.studio2B.org, all submitting parents and/or guardians must accurately complete all required fields or entry will be deemed invalid by Girl Scouts of the USA. Girl Scouts of the USA shall have no liability for any malfunction of the Internet, Girl Scouts of the USA websites or any other computer-related processor system. Girl Scouts of the USA is not responsible for any prize offered or any aspect of any contest appearing on an advertiser's web banner or hyperlink located on a Girl Scouts of the USA website.

AWARDS:

Twelve winners from the 12-14 age category will receive a 4 or 6-day (to be determined by May 1, 2009) expenses-paid educational tour of New York City during the period of June 21 to July 12, 2009. Six winners in the 15-17 age category will travel together on a 9-day expenses-paid educational tour to Mexico during the period of June 25th to July 15, 2009. The educational tour prize award will specifically include the following paid expenses: round trip airfare and airport transfers, hotel accommodations, two meals per day, ground transportation to all tour program events while on the tour and admission fees to any tour program event. No other expenses will be included in the prize award. Prizing is non-transferable and non-exchangeable. No substitution or cash equivalent will be made. Girl Scouts of the USA reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value if the awarded prize is unavailable for any reason.

HOW TO CLAIM PRIZE:

All GIRL SCOUT GLOBAL CITIZEN ESSAY contest winners will be contacted by May 1, 2009 and must respond within 10 days or they forfeit the prize award. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply to contest prize awards. All federal, state and local taxes (including any sales taxes) where applicable are the sole responsibility of the winner, parent and /or legal guardian documented on the official entry and release form.

DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTIES:

All participants agree to be bound by these rules. Girl Scouts of the USA, in its sole discretion, further reserves the right to disqualify any person for (i) violating any of these rules, (ii) tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Girl Scouts of the USA website, (iii) gaining an unfair advantage in participating in the contest, (iv) obtaining winner status using fraudulent means, or (v) engaging in otherwise unsportsmanlike, disruptive, annoying, harassing, or threatening behavior. Furthermore, any resale or auction or attempt to resell or auction of Girl Scouts of the USA complimentary prizes, if any, will result in disqualification for all future Girl Scouts of the USA contest. Any attempt by a contestant or any other individual to deliberately circumvent, disrupt or damage ordinary and normal operation of this contest, telephone systems or website, or to undermine the legitimate operation of the contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, Girl Scouts of the USA reserves the right to seek damages from any such participant to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PUBLICITY RELEASE:

Unless prohibited by law, participation constitutes permission for Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scout council affiliates without any further obligation to the contest participant, to use participant's name, voice, biographical data and likeness for promotional and marketing purposes.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Girl Scouts of the USA reserves the right in its sole discretion to supplement or make changes to the rules of any contest at any time without notice. Girl Scouts of the USA reserves the right in its sole discretion to interpret the rules of any contest, and such interpretation shall be binding upon all participants. Girl Scouts of the USA shall not be responsible for any administrative errors involved in the execution of any contest or sweepstakes. Copies of the Official Rules for any contest or sweepstakes may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with the identity of the contest or sweepstakes inquiry to:

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