



2021 Essay Prompt:

“If you were writing a travel guide for visitors to your current or prior post, what out-of-the way location or special local event would you highlight in the guide? Describe how living in that country as Foreign Service youth allowed you to discover that location or event which a short-term visitor might miss.”

Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Prizes:

- Three prizes in the Middle School Category: 1st place: \$500 2nd place: \$300 3rd place: \$150
- Three prizes in the High School Category: 1st place: \$800 2nd place: \$500 3rd place: \$300
- All winners will be honored at the Youth Awards Ceremony in June.

Eligibility:

- Any FSYP member under age 19, excluding those whose parents are FSYP Board members or employees. FSYP family membership dues must be current as of March 31, 2021 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP please see our website at www.fsyf.org
- A contestant may submit only one entry per contest.

Use of Essay

- Essays will become the property of FSYP and/or Jim McGrath, ReMax Premier. Essays may be posted to FSYP, McGrath or State Department websites or appear in FSYP publications or publicity. Winners' names will appear in related newsletters, publicity, and announcements.

Essay Specifications:

- Written in English with a word count not exceeding 1,000, excluding name, title and list of sources.
- Include author's name, a title, page numbers and a list of source materials, if applicable.
- Double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font (or equivalent), and with 1" margin on all sides.
- Be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form.

Judging Criteria:

- **Subject matter:** Relevance to the designated topic; original or arresting subject, quality of insight and thought; unity of theme; imaginative imagery and concrete detail.
- **Organization:** Arrangement of material; clarity of description or argument; management of transitions.
- **Grammar and style:** Command of the written language.
- **Presentation:** Did you follow the contest rules about length, double spacing, font size, etc? Did you cite your source materials if applicable?

Submissions:

- The Entry Form and essay must be submitted by the deadline by attaching them to an email to: fsyf@fsyf.org Include in the e-mail subject line "Essay Contest -- Entrant's Name".

About the Sponsor: Jim McGrath, Associate Broker, ReMax Premier, is a long-time sponsor of the FSYP Essay Contest. His parents Ed and Peg McGrath raised their family traveling the world in the Foreign Service for over 30 years. In their honor, Jim supports FSYP in recognition of the sacrifices that Foreign Service families make to represent our country abroad. Jim is a Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Lifetime Top Producer for 25 years. He continues to offer personal care and service specific to the needs of Foreign Service families. www.JimMcGrathRealEstate.com



2021 FSYP Essay Contest
Sponsored by Jim McGrath, ReMax Premier
Guidelines & Entry Form



ENTRY FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Email: _____ Current Post: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Agency of Employment: _____ Parent Email: _____

Mailing Address _____

I am entering (check one): [] Middle School Essay Contest [] High School Essay Contest

Title of Essay: _____

Word Count: _____

Student's Honor Statement:

This essay represents my own work. I am eligible to participate in the FSYP Essay Contest. I understand that my essay will become the property of FSYP to use at its discretion, that it will not be returned to me, and that the judges' decisions are final. An electronic Signature is acceptable. Example: /s/ John Doe.

Student's: _____ Date: _____

Parent Permission:

I agree to allow the Foreign Service Youth Foundation and Jim McGrath, ReMax Premier to use and/or publish the essay that I have submitted to the FSYP Essay Contest, and to use my child's name to identify the author of the essay. I release FSYP and Jim McGrath, ReMax Premier from any claims that occur in connection with the use of the original essay. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. An electronic Signature is acceptable. Example: /s/ John Doe.

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed): _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____