



2018 Essay Calendar Contest

★Attention★

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Teachers

★Winning Students receive a \$50 Cash Award★



★Teachers of winning students win \$100 Cash Award★

The Alabama Gerontological Society (AGS) has a firm belief that we all can learn from generation to generation. Please help AGS give children a positive attitude toward our senior citizens.

The AGS Essay/Calendar Contest has considerable educational value, which will appropriately fit into the grade level curriculum.

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Contest Rules

- ★ Essays will be accepted from fourth through sixth grade students
- ★ Essays must emphasize a **MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP** and **DEMONSTRATE INTERACTION** between the student and a **LIVING** older relative or friend. The older person must be **60 YEARS of age or older**. The essay should state “Why This Older Person is Special to Me.” By “special” we do not mean a person who gives a child material possessions, but one who passes down values, skills, self-confidence, etc. An essay can be wonderfully written, but still not possess the qualities we are looking for.
- ★ Essays can be typed, printed or cursive, **in ink**, and written on **one side** of an 8.5”x11” sheet of paper, two page maximum. Pencil essays do not copy well for judging.
- ★ Students **must** print the following information on the **back** of the last page of their entry:
Student Information: Name, Age, Grade, Home address and Telephone number.
School Information: Name of school, Address, Telephone number, Teacher’s name & Principal’s name.
- ★ NOTE: Teachers, please ensure that all this information is complete. Entries with incomplete information will be disqualified.

Selection Process

- ★ The Selection Committee from the school level will select **only TWO (2)** winners from **EACH CLASSROOM**. (Two entries per classroom, per grade, per school).
- ★ If more than two entries per classroom are sent in, all entries in that classroom will be disqualified.
- ★ The AGS Committee will select thirteen (13) winners statewide.
- ★ From the thirteen (13) winners, one (1) grand prize winner will be chosen.

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- ★ The thirteen (13) winners selected by the AGS Committee will each receive a \$50 cash award.
- ★ The teachers of the winning students will each receive a \$100 cash award for their classroom use.
- ★ The winning students and the person featured in their stories will be featured in a photo on the AGS 2018 Calendar. Recognition will be given to the teacher and principal of each winning student. The Grand Prize winner will be featured as the cover photo and receive recognition at the 2018 AGS Conference.
- ★ Each participating student will receive a certificate of appreciation, which will be sent to the principal after **January 2018**.

Submitting the Essay

- ★ Teachers choose two essays from your class
- ★ Make 4 copies
- ★ *NOTE: Mail original and four copies of each winning essay to:*

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- ★ Entries must be postmarked no later than **Monday, November 6, 2017**.
- ★ State Level winners will be notified by AGS no later than Friday, December 1, 2017.
- ★ Calendars will be available on or before January 5, 2018.