



6th Annual "Beyond the Game" Sportsmanship Essay Contest Application
Presented by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association

BACKGROUND: The LHSAA "Beyond the Game" Program is hosting its Sixth Annual Sportsmanship Essay Contest. This is an opportunity for students, attending our member schools, to get creative and tell us what it means to go "Beyond the Game" in sportsmanship. The guidelines are simple, and your entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 2, 2018 to be eligible to win. First place will be awarded a prize of \$500, a framed copy of the winning essay, and recognition by the LHSAA at the Beyond the Game Awards Banquet – LHSAA Office in Baton Rouge, time TBD.

GUIDELINES: The essay contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 (ages 14-18), who attend an LHSAA member school. Entries must be typed using 12 point, Times New Roman font, and double-spaced pages, with a maximum length of 500 words.

All entries must be accompanied with a completed information form, provided on pages 3-4 of this packet. You may also email a PDF of your entry to tgibson@lhsaa.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 2, 2018 to:

LHSAA/Tiara Gibson
Beyond the Game Essay Contest
12720 Old Hammond Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

STUDENT SHOULD INCLUDE

- ✓ Student Application Forms including the additional information of:
 - **Signed verification of cumulative GPA by the student-athlete's counselor or on-site school records clerk (Transcript)**
- ✓ Student essay

STUDENT ESSAY – The provided topic for the essay is: *"How Has Participation In Competitive Play Contributed To Your Commitment To Sportsmanship As A High School Athlete?"* The applicant should include references to: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and/or caring. **The maximum length is 500 words.** This essay should accompany the application, but be on a separate page.

Essays exceeding the 500 word maximum and/or do not address the topic will be disqualified. Essays not following formatting guidelines (12 pt, Times New Roman font, double spaced) will be disqualified.

JUDGING – The judging of applications and selection of winners will be conducted by a committee organized by the LHSA office staff. Winners will be notified late-MAY.

STUDENT APPLICATION (Part I)

Applicant _____
 High School _____ Principal _____
 School Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ School Telephone (____) _____
 Name(s) of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____

CUMULATIVE GPA		SAT / ACT SCORES (if taken)			VARSITY SPORTS	
Non-Weighted _____	Class Rank _____	Reading _____	Writing _____	Math _____	Fall _____	Winter _____
Weighted _____	Class Size _____	Total _____	_____	_____	Spring _____	Total Letters _____

 (Counselor/Records Clerk Signature of Verification)

STUDENT APPLICATION (Part II, page 1 of 2)

To be completed by STUDENT-ATHLETE

Please list below the sports in which you participated, the applicable level (Frosh / Soph., JV, Varsity) of participation in each sport, and any athletic awards or honors received. **BE SPECIFIC; PLEASE IDENTIFY AWARDS BY LEAGUE, REGION, STATE, ETC.**

<u>NAME OF SPORT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>AWARDS / HONORS RECEIVED</u>
	<u>Freshman Year</u>	<u>(INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
	<u>Sophomore Year</u>	
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	<u>Junior Year</u>	
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	<u>Senior Year</u>	
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SCHOOL / COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT

Please list below your other extra-curricular activities, including, but not limited to, student council / government, student leadership programs, community service / outreach project(s) and community enhancement initiatives.

IF SPACE PROVIDED IS NOT ADEQUATE, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE(S).

Student-Athlete: please use this checklist and return all in one mailing.

1. _____ Student Application PDF (Part I)
2. _____ School transcript of grades through fall semester of 2017-2018 school year
3. _____ Essay PDF (Part II... create in own file)
7. _____ Return to Principal, Athletic Administrator and/or Counselor for review
8. _____ Mail (**postmarked by FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2018**)