“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 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 essay contest winner will be awarded a prize of $500, a framed copy of the winning essay and recognition by the LHSAA.

LHSAA STUDENT ESSAY 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, 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.
- Entries may be sent via email or mail by Monday, May 4, 2020. Please see below for details of where/what/when to send essay application.

What to include in your application submission:

- A copy of their Student Essay
- ALL Student Application Forms:
  - Including the additional information containing a signed verification (may be signed electronically) of the student-athletes cumulative GPA by the student-athletes counselor.
  - Or - The student-athlete may also include a copy of their transcript from the on-site school records clerk (may use a digital version)

Emailed application procedure:

If you plan to send your essay via email. Please send a copy of your essay and the attached forms to Kate Adams at kadams@lhsaa.org by Monday, May 4, 2020. Please title the subject of the email “Beyond the Game Essay Contest Submission”.
**Mailed application procedure:**

If you plan to send your essay application via mail. Please mail to the address below. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Monday, May 4, 2020.

LHSAA/Kate Adams - Beyond the Game Essay Contest  
12720 Old Hammond Hwy  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**ESSAY TOPICS:**

There are two topics to choose from for the essay competition. You may choose either topic for the competition. 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. Formatting guidelines: 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced. Essays not following formatting guidelines will be disqualified.

**First topic:** “How Has Participation in Competitive Play Contributed to Your Commitment to Sportsmanship as a High School Athlete?” Using the sportsmanship qualities below as a reference, write an essay describing how these qualities have made you realize the importance of sportsmanship in competitive play as a current student-athlete.

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring

**Second topic:** Due to the coronavirus, we are all living a “new normal” life that is pretty difficult to adjust to. This “new normal” has taken away so many things and activities from us which we all took for granted. The sports world has come to a halt and has affected all of our lives tremendously- especially us athletes and sports fans. Using the questions below as a reference, write an essay describing how this new way of life has affected your life as a student-athlete.

- Now that everything is on hold, how has your appreciation for sports and activities changed, both as a participant but also as a fan?
- What do you miss the most?
- What are you looking forward to when you can return to sports?
- How are you staying active?
- What is your community doing to band together during this time?

**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 2020.
STUDENT APPLICATION (Part I)

Applicant ________________________________________________________________

High School ___________________________ Principal __________________________

School Address __________________________________________________________

City __________________ Zip __________ School Telephone (___) ____________

Name(s) of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) ________________________________________

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(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.

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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.

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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 2019-20 school year
3. _____ Essay PDF (Part II… create in own file)
7. _____ Return to Principal, Athletic Administrator and/or Counselor for review
8. _____ Mail or E-mail (postmarked by Monday, May 4, 2020)