



Write Off Proposed Topic

Since we are Lions and our motto is “We Serve”, the topic will be about service.

Suggested ideas:

1. How can we serve-our Schools, our Community and be true to ourselves?
2. With so many conflicting ideas in the world, how can we honestly serve our nation?
3. How can the individual be of use to humanity and the world?

Timelines

Strict timelines will be followed. Submissions to the Zone Chair must be in by October 31st, 2014. Zone Chairs will complete judging by November 30th, 2014 and Region Chairs will complete judging by December 31st, 2014. If your student wins the Region contest, we may be call upon you to help get the student to Mankato in February.

Write Off Contest Judging

1. Disqualify contestants whose length is far outside (long or short) of the recommended length.
2. Originality (10%) The essay is the contestants own work. No more than ten percent of the work from another source and proper credit is cited.
3. Content (30%) Is the essay interesting and worthy of consideration? Are arguments well supported? Does the essay draw a conclusion and offer recommendations where appreciate?
4. Organization (30%) Essays traditionally have the structure of an introduction, a body and a conclusion. Structure should be logical and methodical. The reader should be moved easily through the text.
5. Style and mechanics (30%) The essay should be correct in terms of grammar, spelling, and punctuation, as well as word choice and sentence construction. Is the essay well written? There should be no errors in word choice and all sentences are well constructed