



8th Grade Essay Contest

The Best & Brightest Awards invites Leon County 8th grade students to recognize their potential and dream about their future by participating in the 2024 Best & Brightest Awards Essay Contest.

This year, students are invited to address the following:

***"What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of difference
you want to make."***

- Jane Goodall

Instructions:

The Best & Brightest Awards places a special emphasis on dedication to community service. Analyze this quote and write an essay describing how involvement in community service can make a difference in your community and/or for yourself as you prepare to enter high school.

Deadline: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Participation Guidelines:

- The contest is open to 8th grade students in accredited schools in Leon County.
- Essays should be no more than 500 words and double-spaced with 12-point font.
- All non-original work must be footnoted.
- Essays will be judged on creativity and originality of content, grammatical accuracy, logic and clarity.
- Only one entry per student.
- The top three winning essays for each school will be submitted by the Principal for countywide consideration.
- All school-based winners will be invited to attend the Best & Brightest Awards Ceremony on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, where final winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

Winner: **\$500** Runner-Up: **\$250** Honorable Mention: **\$100**

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