

YMCA of San Diego County / SDG&E
Character Development School Essay Contest Guidelines
October 2008

1. The contest is open to boys and girls in 3rd -12th grade.
2. Please limit essay to one page.
3. Please select only one of the following values for focus: Caring, Honesty, Respect, or Responsibility.
4. The essay must be handwritten.
5. The essay must be done on 8 ½” by 11” notebook paper.
6. **IMPORTANT: Please include the following on the back of each entry:** contestant’s name and phone number, grade, school name, school address, and school phone number. Essays without this information will be excluded from the contest.
7. **School/classroom to host internal contest** in order to select county-wide contest nominees.
8. **Submit ONLY one essay per grade level** for entry into county-wide contest and send to the address listed below **by November 3, 2008:**

YMCA of San Diego County
Attention: Character Development Contest
3708 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

9. County-wide winners will be notified by January 2009. The contest awards are as follows for each grade level:
 - Elementary School - Two SEA WORLD Tickets
 - Middle School - One year YMCA Youth Membership and \$25 Borders Gift Card
 - High School - One year YMCA Youth Membership and \$100 Borders Gift Card