

Charles T. Gibson Public Health Leadership 2019 Essay Contest

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Official Entry Form and Guidelines

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number (for ID purposes only): _____

School You Attend: _____

Grade: _____ How many words does your essay contain? _____

How did you hear about the 2019 Charles T. Gibson Leadership Essay contest? _____

Guidelines:

- **Entry form and essay** – Entry form should accompany the essay. The **only** personal information to appear on your essay is the last four digits of your social security number. These digits should appear in the upper right corner of the header section on **each page. Please do not put your name or school you attend on the essay. This information will ONLY appear on the entry form.**
- **Essay topic** – Please submit an essay in your own words on a public health issue in our county and provide a possible solution. This essay must be centered around one of the following topics: access to healthcare, adolescent health, disease prevention, effective sex education, healthcare cost, mental health, substance abuse, or environmental health. Support your essay with who you believe should resolve the issue, facts, and research (with at least 3 scholarly sources).
- **Word limit** – No more than 1500 words.
- **Format** – Essay must be typed in black ink. Essay should be double-spaced on 8 ½” x 11” paper with 12 point font and 1” margins.
- **Eligibility** – Contest is open to all currently enrolled Wayne County high school students (public, private and home schooled). **Guidelines have to be followed to remain eligible. Finalist must develop a visual presentation and present during the Essay Scholarship Ceremony tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2019.**

Prizes: 1st Place: \$1,000 Scholarship & \$75 Gift Certificate
2nd Place: \$500 Scholarship & \$50 Gift Certificate
3rd Place: \$300 Scholarship & \$50 Gift Certificate

Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00pm

Essay and completed entry form must be mailed (postmarked NO later than March 7, 2019) or submitted to:

Attention: Charles T. Gibson Teen Public Health Leadership Essay Contest

Wayne County Health Department – Health Education Division

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Goldsboro, NC 27530

Questions? Please contact Brittney Davis at 919-731-1291 or Celita Graham at 919-731-1235