



CHARACTER COUNTS! Snap

A photo contest for middle and high school students in the greater Gaithersburg area.

Theme: "Caring and Citizenship in my Community"

The Gaithersburg Educational Enrichment Committee will judge the photos on the basis of:

- **Visual representation of an act of character in accordance with the theme (20 points)**
- **Short description(50 words max.) of how the photo represents the theme (15 points)**
- **Originality, creativity, relevance and effectiveness of the theme (15 points)**

Submission Instructions:

- All photos must be in **jpg format not to exceed 1 MB in size. A short description (50 words maximum) related to the photo should be typed in Microsoft Word** using 11-point font.
- **Submissions must be sent only through sponsoring school teacher or Gaithersburg Youth Center staff.**
- **One entry per student.** Entries will be judged blindly, with information as requested on page #1 of the entry form, and short description related to the photo on page #2 of the entry form. Entries (photo and both pages of entry form) should be submitted electronically by teacher or staff to Shanthi Srinivasachar at ssrinivasachar@gaitthersburgmd.gov.
- Winning and honorable mention photos will be posted on City of Gaithersburg social media sites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram at GburgMD.

Submission Deadline: Monday, December 5, 2016, 4 p.m.

TEACHERS, Youth Center staff: Please submit photos, entry form and short description to ssrinivasachar@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

Notification of Results: December 2016. Three winners and three honorable mentions will be selected from middle school submissions and three winners and three honorable mentions will be selected from high school submissions. Results will be emailed to the schools. We request that principals/teachers notify the Winners, Honorable Mentions and their families.

Prizes and Awards Presentation: Winners and honorable mentions will be presented with awards at a ceremony to take place in the second half of the 2016-2017 school year. Families, principals and teachers will be invited. The six winners will each receive a **\$75 gift card and a Certificate of Recognition**. The six honorable mentions will each receive a **\$25 gift card and a Certificate of Recognition**.

For more information please contact the City's Community Services Division at **301-258-6395**, communityservices@gaitthersburgmd.gov, or visit gaitthersburgmd.gov.



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Entry Form – Page #1

Electronic submissions with completed entry form should be sent by sponsoring teachers or Gaithersburg Youth Center Staff to Shanthi Srinivasachar at ssrinivasachar@gaithersburgmd.gov no later than 4 p.m. on December 5, 2016.

Photographer Name _____ Phone # _____

Photographer's School _____

Grade Level _____ Photographer's Email Address _____

How did you (photographer) hear about the contest: Email Word of Mouth School
 Social Media City of Gaithersburg Website Other: _____

Sponsoring Teacher or Gaithersburg Youth Center staff name

Sponsoring teacher/City Youth Center staff e-mail

Sponsoring teacher/City Youth Center staff phone # _____

You must use page #2 of the form to type in (11-point font) the short (50 words max.) description related to the photo.



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Short Description (50 words max.) – Page #2