

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2010 CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

Take Back the Night is an evening dedicated to increasing awareness of interpersonal violence, with emphasis on ending sexual violence. Common components of Take Back the Night rallies include candlelight vigils, empowerment marches, and survivor testimonials. Throughout its history, Take Back the Night has inspired both women and men to confront a myriad of social ills, including rape, sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against children, and violence against women. The unifying theme throughout these diverse topics is the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated.

The Creative Expression Contest is an opportunity for students to submit essays, poetry, music, original artwork, or other pieces that convey their experiences and feelings about interpersonal violence and their ideas for ending interpersonal violence in their schools and communities. THE CONTENT must convey positive messages about ending violence. Examples include personal experiences, messages about ending sexual violence, domestic violence, child abuse, molestation, rape, etc. The idea for the youth involvement is to get them interacting with one another and talking about interpersonal violence, so that they feel empowered and educated to take leadership roles in their communities.

Three winners will be selected to perform/share their entries on the evening of Take Back the Night, April 7th, 2010.

OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES:

For students AGES 13-18, submissions can take the form of essays, poems, original music, original artwork, or any other method of creative expression that convey their experiences and feelings about interpersonal violence and their ideas for ending interpersonal violence in their schools and communities. A teacher, guidance counselor, family member or other adult may help students develop an entry, though the actual content should be the student's own work.

Additional guidelines:

- Students entering this category must be between the ages of 13-18
- The student's name must appear somewhere on the work itself (can be on the back), as well as on the entry application form.
- If students are submitting an essay, poem, or other type of writing, it must be under 500 words, in English (or include an English translation of the original work), and, if possible, typed in 12-point font, and double-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- If students are submitting artwork, please send the original art along with a photo of the piece. If possible, please also e-mail a graphic file (jpg or gif) with the artwork to rachel.herbig@empact-spc.com.
- If students are submitting music, please include a CD recording and a copy of the lyrics (include an English translation if the lyrics are in another language). If possible, please use a 12-point font and double-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Only one entry per student may be submitted, and all entries will become the property of the Take back The Night 2010 and will not be returned.
- Video submissions should be no more than 5 minutes long.

JUDGING:

Submissions to the category will be judged on both style and content. Judges will look for the following qualities, depending upon the format and medium of the entry:

- Well thought out pieces that clearly address the topic of interpersonal violence
- Depth of feeling about the subject
- Originality and imagination
- Eloquence and style
- Written work that is clear, articulate and logically organized
- Written work that is carefully proofread

WINNERS:

There will be 3 winners. Recognition may be given to additional entries of merit. Winners will be invited to display their work at the Take Back the Night event and rally on April 7th, 2010. Pieces may also be displayed on the Take Back the Night MySpace page.

All winners will receive a 2010 Creative Expression Contest Award Certificate. There may also be prizes.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be postmarked Monday, March 15th, 2010. Entries can also be dropped off at Empact 1232 E Broadway Tempe, AZ 85282; Suite 212. Winners will be notified via telephone, mail, or e-mail by March 22nd, 2010.

HOW TO ENTER:

Fill out entry form attached and return it with the students work by the listed date above.

Contact rachel.herbig@empact-spc.com with questions or by telephone at 480-784-1514, extension 1107.

LEGAL GUIDELINES:

The decisions of the judges with respect to the selection of the winners and in regard to all matters relating to this contest shall be final. Anyone not complying with all of the contest rules will automatically be disqualified. No telephone calls or correspondence will be accepted inquiring on judges' selections. By entering, the individual student entrant and his/her parent or legal guardian, or the school/district entrant and all those involved in compiling entry materials grant the Sponsor (EMPACT) the right to copy, edit, publish, promote, broadcast or otherwise use, in whole or in part, their entries in any manner without further permission, notice or compensation.

Each individual student participant and his/her parent or legal guardian, and each school/district entrant and all those involved in compilation of entry materials grant the Sponsor the right to use his/her individual or school/district name and likeness for any advertising, promotion, trade or any other purpose without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. Void in Puerto Rico and wherever prohibited or restricted by law.

By entering, individual students and school/district entrants release the Sponsor and its project partners and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, advertising, production and promotion agencies from any and all liability for any loss, harm, damages, costs or expenses arising out of participation in this contest. Participants using the Internet must provide a valid e-mail address.

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The Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual that tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or website; violates the Official Rules; or acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner at any time during the judging process, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. All Internet participants agree to be bound by these rules, and the Official General Rules appearing above.

The Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, stolen, damaged, incomplete, undelivered, mutilated, illegible or misdirected entries or for typographical errors in any entry. Entries are void if they are in whole or in part illegible, incomplete, or damaged.

No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win this contest. A purchase does not improve your chance of winning. Void where prohibited by law.

Inquiries may be sent to rachel.herbig@empact-spc.com

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Individual Student Entry Form



Student's Name: _____

Student's School: _____

Students Address: _____

Student Email _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ School Phone Number: _____

Student's Grade (circle one) 9 10 11 12 Student's Age: _____

Title of Creative Work: _____

Please tell us how you heard about Take Back the Night Contest:

Contact information for an adult who would like to be notified of the results.

Circle One: Teacher/Educator Parent/Guardian Other _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

To the entering student's parent or legal guardian – *By signing below, you indicate that you have received and read the full set of Legal Guidelines for the 2010 Creative Expression Contest (contained in page 2 of this document), and hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the contest as detailed by the Sponsor (EMPACT) therein.*

If my child is a finalist, I would be willing to be contacted by the media (optional).

PLEASE PRINT the full name of student's parent or legal guardian:

_____ Phone: _____

SIGNATURE of student's parent or legal guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Please submit entries By March 15th, 2010 By Mail or In Person to:

Empact-SPC
c/o Rachel Herbig
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Tempe, AZ 85282