

YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

SUBMIT YOUR STORY BY OCT. 15

TEENS AGES 12 -18: WRITE AN ORIGINAL STORY—EITHER FICTION OR NONFICTION—ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE BEING AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER.

YOU COULD WIN A \$50 CASH PRIZE!

What is an active bystander? An active bystander is someone who not only witnesses a situation, but takes steps to speak up or step in to keep a situation from escalating or to disrupt a problematic situation. This person makes a difference by intervening to establish two norms: violence will not be tolerated and everyone has to do their part.

Your story must include the Three D's—Direct, Delegate and Distract.

- **Direct:** Directly insert yourself into a potential situation and stop it by addressing those who are involved.
- **Delegate:** If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable stepping in yourself, get someone who might be more equipped or better able to handle the situation to intervene for you.
- **Distract:** Defuse the situation by distracting those involved and interrupting the choice to cause harm.

This writing contest is in partnership with the Women's Center of Jacksonville.

(See official rules and entry form on reverse side.)



ENTRY FORM

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Library branch you visit most often: _____

School you attend: _____

Last grade completed: _____

Parent or Guardian email: _____

Parent or Guardian name: _____

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICIAL RULES

The contest is open to grades 6 – 12. The 1st place winner will receive \$50 and be asked to read their story aloud at the closing reception for the Survive to Thrive exhibition on Oct. 21. The 2nd place winner will receive \$25.

Your original story should:

- Be at least 750 words and no more than 1,500 words.
- Be double-spaced with 12 point font and no graphics.
- Have a title.
- Be labeled fiction or nonfiction next to title.
- Contain Three D's—**Direct, Delegate and Distract.**

This completed entry form must be attached to your submission and delivered in person to staff at the Ask Here desk at your local library branch.

All entry form information **MUST** be included on the form for a valid entry. To be eligible teens must be ages 12 – 18, a resident of Duval County, and a Jacksonville Public Library card holder.

Deadline for submitting stories is Oct. 15, 2017.

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