



Oregon Association for Family and Community Education
2024 - CHARACTERCOUNTS!© Essay Contest - *Citizenship*
High School Age

(All forms are available on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org/quick-links)

The Oregon FCE High School Age CHARACTERCOUNTS!© Essay Contest provides students the opportunity to write about the CHARACTERCOUNTS!© theme for the current year while learning a little about the FCE organization. It also provides students with the opportunity to earn award funds by winning or placing at the state level.

The Contest runs from September 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024. **All contest Applications, Essays, and FCE Knowledge Quizzes, must reach the Head Contest Judge on or before March 1, 2024.** Late, or incomplete entries, will NOT be accepted. The winners and placers of the contest will be announced by April 15, 2024, or as soon as judging is completed.

The CHARACTERCOUNTS!© Essay Contest themes are the following for each year.

- 2024 Citizenship
- 2025 Trustworthiness
- 2026 Respect
- 2027 Responsibility
- 2028 Fairness
- 2029 Caring

Oregon FCE monetary award funds will be of the following amounts:

- State 1st Place: \$500.00
- State 2nd Place: \$300.00
- State 3rd Place: \$200.00

The rules and guidelines for the Oregon FCE High School Age CHARACTERCOUNTS!© Essay Contest are as follows:

- The Essay Contest is open to all young adults that will be of high school age on the date of the contest deadline of March 1, 2024.
- The essay can be written at home, school, or other places that may be available.
- The essay must be written by the applicant and not by parents, guardians, teachers, friends, or others.





- The Application Form must be filled out and signed by all necessary signers.
- The Essay must be written about the current Oregon FCE High School Age CHARACTERCOUNTS!© Essay theme.
- The Essay must be properly formatted with name, title, etc.
- The Essay must be between 1,000 and 3,000 words.
- Essays must be typed.
- All Application Forms, Essays, and FCE Knowledge Quizzes, can be submitted via mail, email, or in person.
- All applicants must complete the Application Form, the FCE Knowledge Quiz, and the Essay, and must be submitted on or before the due date of **March 1, 2024**, to:

Scott Teeples
4338 Arthur Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603
Cell phone: 541-891-6456
Email: sfteeples@charter.net

- Contact Scott Teeples if you have any questions.
- Using the theme for the year (i.e., Citizenship), the writer of the Essay **must** discuss ideas and thoughts about the following:
 1. How did **Citizenship** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the past?**
 2. How does **Citizenship** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the present?**
 3. How will **Citizenship** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the future?**
 4. How does, and will, **Citizenship**, affect you personally **now and in the future?**
- Judging will be on the following: 10% on the Application form, 80% on the Essay, and 10% on the FCE Knowledge Quiz.
- A scoring guide and scoring rubric (included) will be used for the judging of the contest. Please read over it carefully for full details on scoring criteria.
- Judging of all forms, FCE Quizzes, and Essays will be done by at least 3 people.





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Application Form

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ County _____ State ____ Zip _____

Cell phone number _____

Home phone number _____

Email Address _____

High School you currently attend (if applicable) _____

Age you will be on March 1, 2024, of the contest year _____ (must be high school age)

I certify that I am the one that took the FCE Knowledge Quiz, and I am the person that drafted the essay, and that I am responsible for its content. I did not plagiarize any of the materials but may have used resource materials as needed.

I understand that the Essay, the FCE Knowledge Quiz, pictures, videos, and other information, of the winner or placer, may be used, posted, or shared on the Oregon and National FCE websites and other various media sources.

I testify that I was the person that drafted the essay and no other person, other than resources, wrote any part of it.

Signed by Applicant _____ Date _____

Signed by Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____





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Scoring Guide/Rubric
 (to be filled out by Contest Judge)

Applicant's Name _____ School _____

Total Points earned _____

Area of Contest	Excellent	Well	Good	Poor	Does Not Meet	Points 100 pts. possible
Application: Filled out correctly and completely. Between 1,000 & 2,000 words.	9-10 pts. Meets all the requirements.	6-8 pts. Meets most of the requirements.	3-5 pts. Meets some of the requirements.	1-2 pts. Meets few of the requirements.	0 pts. Does NOT meet any of the requirements.	10 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How did Citizenship affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the past?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expression	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements	20 pts. Possible Score:



Essay: How does <i>Citizenship</i> affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the present?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements	20 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How will <i>Citizenship</i> affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the future?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements	20 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How does, and will, <i>Citizenship</i> , affect you personally now and in the future?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements	20 pts. Possible Score:
FCE Knowledge Quiz:	9-10 pts. Answered 9-10 questions correctly.	6-8 pts. Answered 6-8 questions correctly.	3-5 pts. Answered 3-5 questions correctly	1-2 pts. Answered 1-2 questions correctly	0 pts. Answered 0 questions correctly	10 pts. Possible Score:

Total Points earned _____/100.





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FCE Knowledge Quiz
 (to be filled out, answered, and submitted by contestant)

Name _____ Score _____/10 questions

This FCE Knowledge Quiz, along with the Application, the Essay, and other necessary forms must be submitted **on or before March 1, 2024**

Information to answer these questions can be located on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org and on the National FCE website www.nafce.org. Contestants can also use any internet resources or ask FCE members for information.

1. What does the acronym FCE stand for?

2. In what year was the National FCE organization and Oregon FCE organization organized?
 - a. National FCE _____
 - b. Oregon FCE _____

3. Who was the first president of National FCE? Who is the current president of National FCE? Who is the current president of Oregon FCE?
 - a. First National FCE president: _____
 - b. Current National FCE president: _____
 - c. Current Oregon FCE president: _____

4. Write the National FCE Mission Statement.





5. Write the National FCE Creed.

6. What are 6 things that FCE does?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

7. What is the name of the yearly National FCE Contest that is designed for 4th grade students?

8. Where was the 2023 National FCE Conference held?

9. What is the name of the girl from Oregon that placed 1st in the State of Oregon and 2nd in the Nationals during the 2023 Essay and Artwork Contest?

10. List 6 states that currently have FCE.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

