

3RD ANNUAL

Strategies for Youth

# YOUTH VOICES CONTEST

In the past two years there has been heightened attention and controversy over the placement of school resource officers in the nation's public schools. This year's 3rd Youth Voices Contest invites you to tell us what you think about police in schools. We want to hear from you!

Enter for a chance to win !

1st Place- \$750

2nd Place- \$500

3rd Place- \$250

This year's contest questions are

You are only required to select one of the following

- Do you think there are ways to keep schools safe that do not rely on law enforcement? If so, what would that look like?
- How do you define a safe space? Do you feel safe in school? Which students feel more safe in your school than others? And what makes a school feel safe to you?
- If school resource officers were removed from public schools what effect would that have on the school environment? Do you think students would feel more or less safe?
- What advice would you give school resource officers to help them create a more welcoming school community?

☆ Entries can be in the form of a creative video, a piece of art, or writing.

☆ You must live in the US and be between the ages of 12-17 to enter.

DEADLINE IS  
JANUARY 6TH

Please visit our website ([www.strategiesforyouth.org](http://www.strategiesforyouth.org)) for all of the contest guidelines or Email [info@strategiesforyouth.org](mailto:info@strategiesforyouth.org) with questions.

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# GUIDELINES

Strategies for Youth invites you to express your view on how to improve police and youth interactions in a national writing and art competition with cash prizes. The 3rd Youth Voice contest will showcase youth writing and artwork from communities nationwide by answering one of the four topics.

### Art Guidelines-

A visual & creative metaphor to depict your interpretation of the topic.

### Essay Guidelines-

An essay or story between 500-2000 words in length.

All writing must be submitted on Google Form as a google doc, word document, or PDF.

### Video Guidelines-

A 2-5 minute creative video such as; a music video or graphic animation utilizing video editing technologies.

Our Judges will be looking for signs of effort, skill, creativity and response to the topic.

### When can I enter?

Your work can be submitted between September 6th and January 6th.

### Who can enter?

There will be two categories

1. Ages 12-14
2. Ages 15-17

### Where do I send my entry?

[Submit Your Entry Online »](#)

OR Art entries can be mailed to Strategies for Youth, Contest, PO Box 390174, Cambridge, MA 02139.

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