**Rotary International**

**District 6490**

**Literacy and Education Committee**

15 November 2020

To: High Schools in District 6490

**RE: 2020-2021 Essay Contest**

Good Morning:

Every year, our district sponsors an essay contest. The first prize is $500, and the second prize is $250.

We are inviting students from your high school to participate. Please review the enclosed registration form (1 page); and rules/guidelines (2 pages), for the students to submit essays. Please make additional copies to allow any interested student from your school to participate.

We suggest that you distribute the materials to students prior to their Thanksgiving break, as we understand from the news media, that many schools will break from Thanksgiving to after New Years Day. The deadline date has been extended to January 31, 2021. This will allow students ample time to prepare their essays, under the challenging conditions of the pandemic.

It is recommended that the students submit their essays and the registration form, **TOGETHER,** by email to the email address in the instructions. However, students may also submit by mail to the mailing address therein, as well. WE do NOT want any student left out because of technology challenges.

During this challenging time, we at Rotary International, District 6490 are grateful for the devotion and professionalism of school administrators, faculty, and support staff for keeping our students safe and engaged. This is no small task. Literacy and Education are core values of Rotary and central to our global mission.

Any questions, please contact me by email at: [mharrx@outlook.com](mailto:mharrx@outlook.com)

Sincerely,

Michael A. Harris

Chairman

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