



**To:** Middle/High School Based Coordinator

**From:** Dr. Kaye Hlavaty, KMBB Education Chair

**cc:** Asha Ellen, KMBB Executive Director  
Janice Habersham, KMBB Board Chair

**Date:** August 1, 2023

**Re:** Why Clean Streets Matter Art and Essay Contest

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Each year KMBB encourages our schools to educate students on the importance of keeping our streets clean. As the citizens of tomorrow it is a vital concept that needs to be emphasized today. Students who are encouraged to participate in this contest learn information that they then express creatively through art (elementary) and essays (middle and high). It is expected that this process will strengthen our students' knowledge of why it is important to keep our streets clean.

As the school coordinator it is hoped that you will:

- Enlist the participation of selected teachers. Teachers should discuss with their students about why Clean Streets Matter to our city and county. Possible concepts to discuss: Litter prevention, recycling, beautification, healthy environment.
- Encourage teachers to set aside time at school to complete essays that represents Why Clean Streets Matter; entries can also be worked on away from school.
- Collect the top three entries from your school. Submit these entries, along with the application, to Ben Bridges no later than September 29. Applications must be complete and include a parent signature. In addition, complete the cover letter and send with the complete entries (3).
- Remind the parents of the top three entries/school based finalists to attend the awards ceremony.
- Teachers of the overall winners will receive \$25 gift cards as a token of appreciation and recognition.

The awards ceremony is set for November 2 at 6:00. It will be held at the Douglass Theatre. Monetary awards will be presented to the overall winners but all school-based finalists will be recognized. I hope that you will be present as we celebrate the participating students.

Please reach out to me if you have questions.

Thanks so much!

Kaye Hlavaty

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## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

### ESSAY TOPIC: "WHY CLEAN STREETS MATTER"

1. Essay should be typed, double spaced, on standard paper (8 ½ x 11)
2. Essay should be at least 300 words.
3. Three school level finalists will be determined by each school's discretion.
4. Each submission needs to have a completed application attached. The application must be signed by a parent.
5. The school based coordinator will complete the submission form and submit this along with the three school based finalists' paperwork to Ben Bridges no later than September 29.
6. The school should notify the parents of the school based finalists of the awards ceremony and encourage them to attend so that their child can be recognized.
7. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the overall student winners:  
Middle School: First place: \$150, Second place: \$75, Third place: \$50  
High School: First place: \$200, Second place: \$100, Third place: \$50

This event is a combined effort of

**Mayor, Lester Miller**

**Dr. Henry Ficklin, Director of**

**Community Affairs**

**Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful**





## Entry and Parent Permission Form

Congratulations! Your student's essay has been selected to represent our school in the Keep Macon-Bibb County Clean Streets Matter art contest! Please complete this application and return to the school. The awards ceremony will be held

November 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Douglass Theatre

If possible, please be in attendance to celebrate your child's efforts.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS PERMISSION TO USE CHILD'S PHOTO, ESSAY AND NAME FOR  
MEDIA PURPOSES

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone/Text \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Cover Letter

The three finalists' essays along with an entry form should be sent along with this cover letter to Ben Bridges no later than September 29.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Based Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Finalist: \_\_\_\_\_

Finalist: \_\_\_\_\_

Finalist: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of entries that were completed by students in your school:  
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