

#ChathamLovesSeniors 2022 Essay Contest

Write a short non-fiction essay or story of up to 300 words on **one** of the following prompts/themes:

- How has an older adult helped mentor you? Describe your relationship.
- In your own words, why are seniors deserving of respect and dignity?
- Tell us about a time where you received advice from an older adult. How did this advice help you solve a problem or issue in your life?

Grade Level Categories:

K-5

(Elementary)

6-8

(Middle)

9-12

(High School)

Rules, Eligibility, and Prizes:

- All work must be the original work of the student who submits it.
- Open to all Chatham County, North Carolina K-12 students, including public school, home-school, private school and charter school students.
- Immediate family members of Chatham County Council on Aging employees are not eligible.
- Students may enter one or both contest categories. Limit of one entry per category, per student.
- The top essay from each grade level category will be featured in an upcoming print and digital issue of the *Chatham Senior Times*, which is the Council's newsletter with a combined print and digital readership of over 3000. Winners will receive a copy of the print edition in which their essay appears and will be interviewed by Council staff for a future news story.
- Second and third place winners in each grade level category will have their essay featured in an upcoming digital issue of the *Chatham Senior Times*.
- All entrants may have their entries displayed at one of the two Chatham County Council on Aging centers
(*Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro or Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City*) for the enjoyment of our visitors.
- All submissions become the property of the Chatham County Council on Aging and can be used in print and digital media with attribution to the students who created them.
- Submissions will be judged on creativity and style, as well as strength and clarity of message.
- **Mailed entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2022 All hand-delivered and emailed entries must be received by noon, April 8, 2022.**
- **Winners will be announced on or around April 17, 2022.**
- The Chatham County Council on Aging reserves the right to disqualify any entries deemed inappropriate for general audiences or that are not in keeping with the positive theme of the contest.
- All entries must include an entry form signed by a parent/guardian.

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