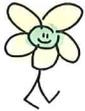




# 12th Annual Voices of Children Contest 2015

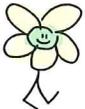
**Tell us...**

what living with a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other relative has meant to you



## What is the contest?

**Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives** is a contest for children in Washington State who are being **raised now or in the past by a relative other than their parents**. The contest honors both the children, and the more than 45,000 grandparents and other relatives in Washington State who are raising them.



## How do you enter the contest?

Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life. Entries will be judged in three age categories **5-7 year olds**, **8-12 year olds**, and **13-19 year olds**.



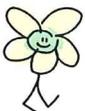
## What are the rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5 -19 years old**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less.
- Make your art as **big and bold** as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and within the box on the entry form.
- Entry must be original, in English, and **unpublished**.
- Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the judges are final.
- Award ceremony for winners will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia on May 19, 2015
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings.
- All entries may be published in a 2015 book called *Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives*.



All entries must be submitted or postmarked by

**April 1, 2015**



## What are the prizes?

The top two entries in each age division will receive:

- **\$100 from Twin Star Credit Union**
- **A free night at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA for a family of four!**



## Questions?

If you have questions, please call Family Education and Support Services at 360-754-7629 or Toll Free 1-877-813-2828 or e-mail [Lynn@Familyess.org](mailto:Lynn@Familyess.org).





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# Voices of Children *Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives Contest*

## Contest Entry Form



Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing describing how you have benefited by living with a relative.

Poems should be 21 lines or less. Essays should be 200 words or less.

Writings may be submitted on this entry form or a separate piece of white paper.

**Drawings should be BIG, BOLD and COLORFUL images. ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM.**

Artwork not submitted on this form will be ineligible for the contest. **Do not include any names within the artwork.**

Large empty rectangular box for writing an essay, poem, or drawing.

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your entries to:  
**Voices of Children Contest**  
1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B  
Olympia, WA 98502

**All entries must be  
submitted or postmarked by  
April 1, 2015**

Questions? Call 360-754-7629 or  
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**Privacy note:** The information above is for awards committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties. Winning entries will be published with the child's first name only and their age. No other personal information will be given out.