



2024

Public Health Leadership Essay Contest

Deadline

**Friday, March 1st, 2024
at 6:00PM**

Essay and completed entry form must be emailed to the Lincoln County Health Department at hhitt@lincolncounty.org or mailed to:

Attention: Lincoln County 2024 Public Health Leadership Essay Contest
Lincoln County Health Department
Health Education Division
200 Gamble Drive
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Entries must be postmarked by 3/1/2024.

Questions

Call the Lincoln County Health Department at 704-736-2023

Lincoln County Board of Health Call to Leadership

An opportunity for young emerging leaders with a passion for public health.

Prizes

1st Place: \$700 Scholarship & \$75 Gift Certificate

2nd Place: \$450 Scholarship & \$50 Gift Certificate

3rd Place: \$200 Scholarship & \$50 Gift Certificate

Topic

Submit an essay in your own words on a public health issue in our country and provide a possible solution. Support your essay with who you believe should resolve the issue, facts, and research (with at least three scholarly sources cited in APA format).

Eligibility

The contest is open to all currently enrolled Lincoln County high school students (public, private and home-schooled). Guidelines must be followed to remain eligible. Finalist must develop a visual presentation and present during the contest and Essay Scholarship Ceremony. Students who have previously entered in the Lincoln County Public Health Leadership Essay Contest must submit an original essay on a topic that he/she has not previously submitted.

Format

An entry form should accompany the essay. Essays must be typed in black ink, use a 12-point font and be no more than 1500 words. Essays must be double-spaced on 8.5 x 11" paper with 1" margins.



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Official Entry Form and Guidelines

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number or any 4-digit combination (for ID purposes only): _____

School you attend: _____

Current grade level: _____ How many words does your essay contain? _____

How did you hear about the Lincoln County Public Health Leadership Essay Contest?

Guidelines:

- ✓ **Entry form and essay-** An entry form should accompany the essay. The only personal (identifiable) information to appear on your essay is the last four digits of your social security number or four-digit combination. These digits should appear in the upper right corner of the header section of each page of the essay.
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