



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
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**2020 CIVICS EDUCATION ESSAY CONTEST**

To: **All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads**  
**All Others Concerned**  
This Division

1. The National Center for State Courts is sponsoring a contest for elementary, middle school, and high school students. The contest entries will be divided into three groups: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. This year's theme honors the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.
2. The **Elementary** (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and **middle** school (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) students are encouraged to answer the following question in **100 words or less**: Why is it important that all citizens have the right to vote?

**Prizes**

- **Elementary School:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$ 300 (15,000.00php)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$ 150 (7,500.00 php)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$ 100 (5,000.00 php)
- **Middle School:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$ 400 (20,000.00 php)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$ 200 (10,000.00 php)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$ 100 (5,000.00 php)

The High school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) students are encourage to answer the following questions in **600 words or less**: Is voting a right, privilege or responsibility? Why?



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**Prizes**

- **High School:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$ 1000 (50,000.00php)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$ 500 (25,000.00 php)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$ 250 (12,500.00 php)
  
- 3. Rules for essay contest:
  - Entries for elementary school (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and middle school (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) students must be 100 words or less.
  - Entries for high school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) students must be 600 words or less.
  - Deadline of submission Friday, February 21, 2020.
  - Entries should be typed and submitted in the form via [https://www.ncsc.org/contest?fbclid=IwAR2k42yg6hcgUjVtPw46uPKjKik4\\_z3SD\\_gLL0miQnyPqiQbhB93rVyCYcY](https://www.ncsc.org/contest?fbclid=IwAR2k42yg6hcgUjVtPw46uPKjKik4_z3SD_gLL0miQnyPqiQbhB93rVyCYcY).
  
- 4. First, second, and third place winners from each grade level will be selected by NCSC staff members and judges from around the country based on creativity, originality, overall quality and adherence to the theme. The winners will be notified by e-mail or phone by April 17, 2020. Winning entries may be shared on NCSC's social media outlets, as well as NCSC publication websites.
  
- 5. Attached file is the official rules and guidelines.
  
- 6. For further inquiries, you may contact Merogim P. Mugot, the Education Program Specialist II at 0926 364 9614.
  
- 7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
**OLGA C. ALONSABE**

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### Contest Rules & Regulations

1. The contest is open to 3rd-12th grade students.
2. All entries must be uploaded in the form on NCSC's website at [www.ncsc.org/contest](http://www.ncsc.org/contest). This is the preferred method of entry. However, hand-written essays may be submitted by mail to NCSC, c/o Deirdre Roesch, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, Va., 23185.
3. Each entrant must answer the question in their own words.
4. Elementary (3rd-5th grade) or middle (6th-8th grade) school students' essays should not exceed 100 words for students. High school students' essays should not exceed 600 words.
5. There is no entry fee.
6. Entries may be submitted through NCSC's website beginning November 1, 2019. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm (EST,US) on Friday, February 21, 2020.
7. All portions of the online entry form must be completed when you upload your essay in order for it to be eligible.
8. The finalists will be judged by staff members of the National Center for State Courts on creativity, originality, overall quality and adherence to the theme.
9. The decision of the judges is final.

Awards will be presented as follows:

#### 3rd-5th grade age level

- One (1) First Place: \$300
- One (1) Second Place: \$150
- One (1) Third Place: \$100

#### 6th-8th grade age level

- One (1) First Place: \$400
- One (1) Second Place: \$200
- One (1) Third Place: \$100

#### 9th-12th grade age level

- One (1) First Place: \$1,000
- One (1) Second Place: \$500
- One (1) Third Place: \$250



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Contest Rules & Regulations (cont.)

10. Entrants grant NCSC the right to use their names, photographs, statements, quotes and testimonials for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes without notification or further compensation. This includes publication on NCSC's social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest and Vimeo).

11. NCSC maintains the right to reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, display, or exhibit the project for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes on its website, at conferences, or at any other venues.

12. Entrants agree to be bound by the official contest rules and decisions of the judges.

13. The failure to submit required information and forms, or any false statements or misrepresentations made by the entrant, shall constitute a violation of the official contest rules and subject the entrant's submission to immediate disqualification.

