



7th & 8th Grade 2018 Student Essay Contest



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2018 Student Essay Contest Details



Sponsored by MIT Federal Credit Union on behalf of the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.

The Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2018 Student Essay Contest. Eight (8) winning essays will be chosen: a first prize winner and seven (7) finalists. Ten (10) honorable mention essays will also be recognized. Winners will be announced in April 2018, and an awards ceremony at the State House will be scheduled in the spring to honor these students.

2018 Essay Contest Theme

7th and 8th grade students are invited to submit an essay with a maximum of 250 words in response to the following topic: **Whether it's grammar, math, science, or social studies, students are taught many different topics in schools today, but there's one glaring gap — financial education. Many students graduate high school not understanding about the basics of loans, savings, credit, and other core financial issues. Shouldn't Financial Literacy be taught in schools? Please explain why you think schools should add financial literacy as a core curriculum in our school systems and what benefits it would have for society?**

2018 Essay Contest Rules and Procedures

The contest rules and eligibility requirements for participants are as follows:

- Only students currently in the seventh and eighth grades are eligible to participate
- Students must be Massachusetts residents attending a school located in Massachusetts
- Students must be sponsored by an MIT Federal Credit Union member in good standing
- All essays must be handwritten by the student
- Essays should be no more than 250 words in length
- Only one essay per student may be submitted
- Each student may only be sponsored by one credit union
- Students must complete and submit all forms associated with the application
- Essays will be judged on the following criteria: originality, content, neatness, and grammar/spelling

Submission

MIT FCU must receive your entry by February 12, 2018.

Mail your Submission Form & Essay to:

MIT Federal Credit Union
7th and 8th Grade Essay Contest
700 Technology Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

Questions? Email marketing-mitfcu@mit.edu

Prizes

- First Place Grand Prize (1) - \$500
- Finalists (7) - \$250
- Honorable Mention Winners (10) - \$50

