

The 2015 CJ's Journey Short Essay Contest

The CJ's Journey Foundation was developed after CJ Aubuchon lost his battle to cancer at the age of 19. CJ did not let cancer define him and his personal journey has touched many people's lives. Educators are invited to submit essays from classes that have screened an In-School Presentation, which are at no charge. **The subject of the essay must examine a person or character from the in-school film and relate the story or events to an obstacle the student faced or overcame on their own personal journey.**

Rules:

- Students must be in a public or private school in the Greater St. Louis Area.
- Students must have viewed one of the in-school movies from the [Cinema for Students In-School Film Presentation](#) approved movie list.
- Students may enter by typing their own essay or a parent or teacher may type their dictated essay.
- All entries must be in English and be the original work of the student – plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- All essays must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman and 12 pt. font.
- The short essay may not be more than 750 words in length.
- Essay must include the name of the student, the name of the teacher and school and student's current grade level.
- The subject of the essay must examine a person or character from the in-school film and relate the story or events to an obstacle the student faced or overcame on their own personal journey.
- Students must be in grades 3 – 12 during the Fall 2015 semester.
- Teachers must collect all essays and choose the top three from each viewing.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries become the property of the CJ's Journey Foundation and will not be returned.

Contest winners agree to allow the CJ's Journey Foundation to post their names on the CJ's Journey website, as well as the top three essays from each grade category with full credit given to the author. **Deadline for submitting essays is the week of November 16th (date to coordinate with video pick-up date).** Cash prizes and online publication will be given for first, second and third place in each grade category.

Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
1 st Place - \$75	1 st Place - \$100	1 st Place - \$100
2 nd Place - \$50	2 nd Place - \$50	2 nd Place - \$50
3 rd Place - \$25	3 rd Place - \$25	3 rd Place - \$25

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