

**“Join Hands to Help Prevent Violence”**  
**Annual Violence Prevention Art-Essay Program**  
**Registration & Art-Essay Deadline: October 02, 2025,**  
**Art-Essay & Program Date to Be Announced**

Locations for Submission Burnett-Eaton Museum, please call or e-mail prior to submitting your art-essay (910) 795-8597 or email [spellerislah@yahoo.com](mailto:spellerislah@yahoo.com).

Each year, participants write an essay defining violence, ways to prevent it, and how to foster peace, alongside an original artwork.

**Mentors**, this art-essay program helps youth build artistic and writing skills while promoting a healthy community culture. It promotes learning, self-discovery, and social responsibility through peaceful expression. Accepted media include crayons, pencil, paint, charcoal, pastel, oil, and acrylic. Each artwork must be accompanied by a clearly written or typed essay.

Ages	ENTRY CATEGORIES (please circle your age) Art-Essay		
	<u>Maximum length of Words</u> <b>Make sure it is the child's words"</b>		
	5-8yrs -125	9-12yrs – 350	13-15yr – 450

**ENTRY GUIDELINES**

Entries must stay within word limitation for the grade level, otherwise the essay will be disqualified. The essay will be judged on clarity, grammar, and how well the youth developed the theme based on age of the writer.

1. Art Entries must be submitted on poster no large than 18X24 medium size and the essay typed or written legible on loose paper.
2. Do not write your names on the artwork as it will be judged, used and displayed publicly on an outreach and awareness campaign in various venues by the Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation's discretion.
3. All artwork entries must be original and must not contain or use in any copyrighted or trademarked images or reproductions.
4. Limit one art-essay entry per student.

\*All entries should address the theme for peace and how the underlying causes of violence can be prevented. Some Suggested Topic for Essay with Solution: How Can Violence Be Controlled, Bullying, Fire Prevention, Vaping/Drugs Electronic Media and Youth Violence, Drug Violence, Cyber Bullying, Gang Violence, Cultural Violence, Structural Violence, Physical Violence, Metal detectors, Reflect peace in your art-essay.

5. All entries submitted will become the property of the Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation and will not be returned to entrant.
6. This registration form must be returned with art-essay entry.

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**Judging**

7. The entries will be judged on a point system, with the following criteria considered: Emphasis will be placed on artistic expression, theme, creativity/originality, violence prevention essay(grammar/writing), marketable for merchandising.

**Gift Cards, Certificates, Gifts**

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Identifying Your Entries**

**To facilitate anonymity in judging, the youth’s name should not appear on the front of the essay and art. The following information must be clearly printed or typed on this form and submitted with your entry to complete the registration process, each entry will be assigned a number.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone#: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth’s and Parent Signature or instructor of acknowledgement of rules and entry requirement:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Organization Instructor, Church Names & Addresses:  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, you may contact Islah Speller at (910) 795-8597 or [spellerislah@yahoo.com](mailto:spellerislah@yahoo.com).

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