

18th Annual

Voices of Children Contest

Tell us ... *What living with a Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, or other Relative has meant to you.*



What is the Contest?

Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives is a contest for children in Washington State, who are being raised (now or in the past) by a relative— other than their parents. The contest honors both, the more than 57,000 children, and the more than 47,000 grandparents & relatives in Washington state who are raising them.

How Do You Enter the Contest?

Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that **describes how living with a relative** (such as a Grandparent, Aunt, or Uncle) **has made a positive difference in your life.**

Entries will be judged in three age categories: 5-7 year-olds, 8-12 year-olds, & 13-19 year-olds.

What are the Rules?

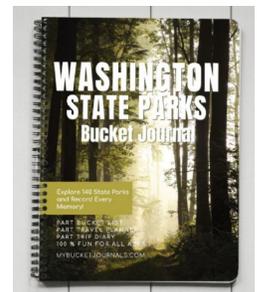
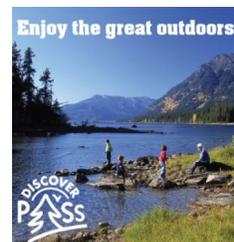
- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5-19 years old**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less.
- Make your art as big and bold as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within the artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and submitted within the box on the entry form (Other side of this page).
- Winners will be notified in early May and the decisions of the judges are final.
- The Award's Ceremony, due to COVID restrictions, will be held via Zoom. Time & Date TBA.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of the writings and drawings submitted.
- All entries may be published in a 2021 Book entitled,

"Voices of Children – Raised by Grandparents & Other Relatives"

What are the Prizes?

The **Two Top** Entries in each Age Division will receive:

- * \$100 from Twin Star Credit Union
- * A Gas Card
- * A One-year Discover Parks Pass
- * A Washington State Parks Bucket Journal



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*Reflections of Children Raised by Grandparents
& Other Relatives*



Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing **describing how you have benefited by living with a relative**. Poems should be 21 lines or less.

Essays should be 200 words or less. Writings may be submitted on this entry form or a separate piece of white paper.

Drawings should be **BIG, BOLD, and COLORFUL** images. **ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM**. Artwork not submitted on this form will be ineligible for the contest. Do not include any names within the artwork.



Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Adult/Caregiver Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Email Address _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Mail or Email Your Contest Entries to:

2021 Voices of Children Contest
c/o Family Education & Support Services
P.O. Box 14907
Tumwater, WA 98511 or Tammara@familyess.org

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY
APRIL 15th, 2021**

Questions? Call: 360.972.0042
OR
Email: Tammara@familyess.org

Privacy Note: The information above is for the Award's committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties.
All entries will be published with the child's first name only and age. All other personal information will be withheld.