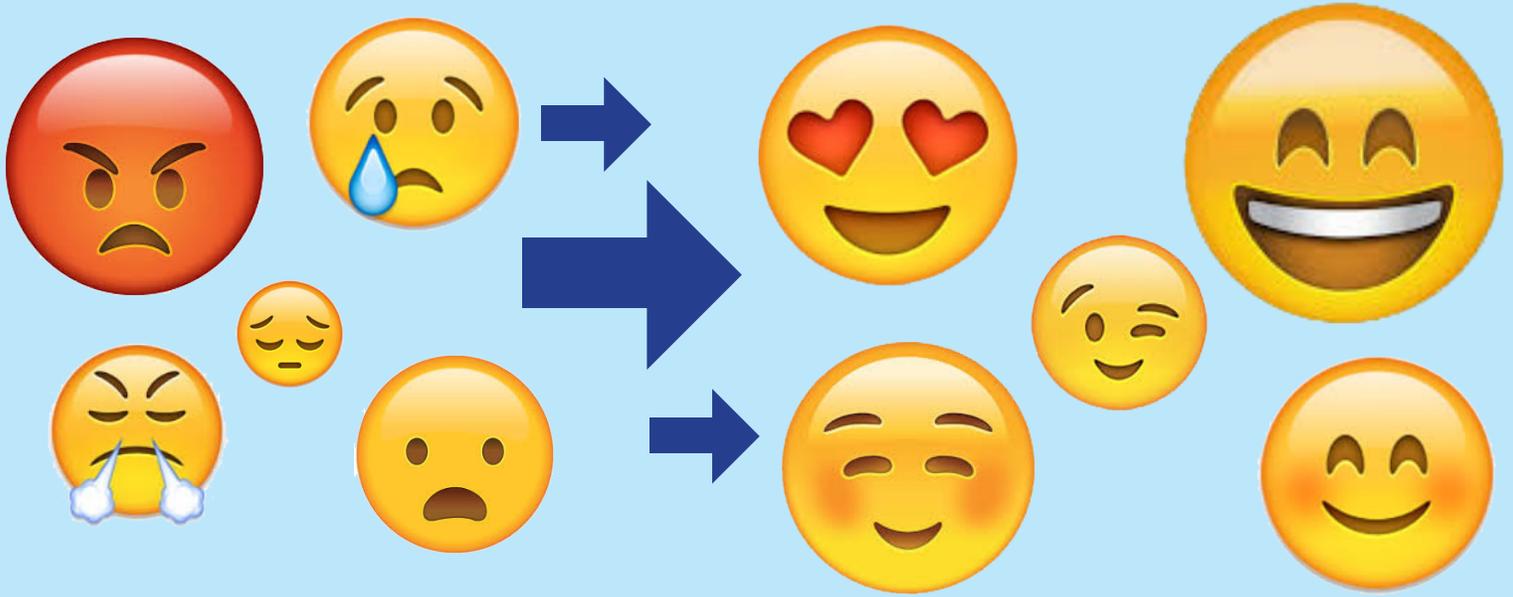


8th Annual Defining Diversity Writing Contest

Sponsored by: Town of Greenwich First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee



Writing Topic:

Our diverse society, with its differing perspectives and competing interests, has the potential for destructive confrontations that can lead to the abandonment of civility in public discourse. This may involve name calling, stereotyping, bigoted behavior, escalating hostility, and hate crimes. Select your own example of such a situation, discuss its destructive dynamic, and consider how it might be transformed into a constructive encounter. For instance, your example might come from a personal experience, family situation, classroom dispute, community controversy, historical event, or current event like the recent presidential election.

Contest Information:

1. Judging will be based on style, originality, clarity, and adherence to the theme of diversity.
2. Guidelines:
 - a. Contest is open to any 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student enrolled in a Greenwich school, or who is a Greenwich resident enrolled in a school elsewhere;
 - b. Content previously published, accepted, or submitted for publication elsewhere is not permitted;
 - c. Only one entry per student;

- d. Entries may take the form of short fiction or non-fiction (prose or poetry) with a maximum length of 1,000 words (not including citations);
 - e. All entries must be submitted by the deadline of 5:00 PM on Friday, April 21, 2017;
 - f. Entries failing to comply with the above rules/regulations will not be accepted;
 - g. Finalists notified on Monday, May 9, 2017.
3. Through the generosity of our contest supporters, the following gift card prizes will be awarded to finalists at the Greenwich Community Diversity Advisory Committee's Awards Ceremony on May 16, 2017:
 - a. 1st Place \$500 | 2nd Place \$250 | 3rd Place \$125
 - b. Honorable Mention Prizes: 3 at \$75 each
 4. All finalists will have their entries published in the Greenwich Time.
 5. To enter, send your entry via email, in MS Word format, to: diversitycontest@greenwichct.org. Please include the following only in the body of the email: your name, contact information (your telephone, email and home address), name of your school and grade level. Do not include any identifying information in the Word document entry itself.
 6. Email for questions:
Diversitycontest@greenwichct.org