



**Best &
Brightest**

A Program of World Class Schools

8th Grade Essay Contest

The Best & Brightest Awards invites Leon County 8th grade students to recognize their potential and dream about their future by participating in the 2018 Best & Brightest Awards Essay Contest.

This year, students are invited to address the following:

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

- Leo Buscaglia

Instructions:

The Best & Brightest Awards places a special emphasis on dedication to community service. Analyze this quote and write an essay describing how involvement in community service can make a difference in your community and/or for yourself as you prepare to enter high school.

Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Participation Guidelines:

- The contest is open to 8th grade students in accredited schools in Leon County.
- Essays should be no more than 500 words and double-spaced with 12-point font.
- All non-original work must be footnoted.
- Essays will be judged on creativity and originality of content, grammatical accuracy, logic, and clarity.
- Only one entry per student.
- The top three winning essays for each school will be submitted by the Principal for countywide consideration.
- All school-based winners will be invited to attend the Best & Brightest Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, where final winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

Winner: \$500 Runner-Up: \$250 Honorable Mention: \$100

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