

Fire Safety Essay Contest

2009 Fire Prevention Week

October 4 – 10

The Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's **Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest** is an opportunity for Georgia students in **grades 6 through 12** to express their views on Fire Safety.

Essay Criteria

- The essays for grades 6-12 must reflect the NFPA theme, ***"STAY FIRE SMART! DON'T GET BURNED,"*** (*this includes scald burns as well as burns from fires*) and should focus on fire prevention in the home. Each essay should consist of 200 – 700 words.
- Essays can be typed or neatly written, and essays should be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Faxed essays must be written in black ink or typed to be received legibly.
- To avoid disqualification, each essay **MUST** have an entry form attached to the front.
- In addition, 12th graders (high school seniors, class of 2009) may also be considered for the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association's scholarship awards. The essays must relate to fire sprinklers. The theme is, ***"Tell why fire sprinklers are important and how they have helped to save lives and property in Georgia; and why you would want to have them installed in your home."*** Each essay should consist of 700 - 1,000 words. The essays must be submitted by e-mail only. Details can be found at the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association's web site at www.georgiafiresprinkler.org.

Selection Process

- Grades 6-12 in each school may submit **up to three (3) essays per class**. One first place essay per grade will be selected for the statewide contest. Essays must be received by mail or fax in the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office no later than **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Late arrivals will not be accepted.**
- Twelfth graders who submit essays for consideration for the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association scholarship awards must follow the guidelines provided by the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association's at www.georgiafiresprinkler.org.
- Statewide essay winners will be selected by a committee established by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

All winners of the Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the **Georgia Railroad Freight Depot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29**. All winners from grades 6 through 12 and one family member will be our complimentary guests at the awards luncheon. Other family members and friends are welcome to attend at their own expense. The winning essays will be displayed at the luncheon. The luncheon cost is \$30.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child ages 10 and under.

This Fire Prevention Week activity is in addition to a number of locally sponsored fire safety programs throughout the state.