

Breaking News!



The Sports Museum is Now Accepting Entries for the 15th Annual Will McDonough Writing Contest

The Sports Museum is once again accepting entries for *The Will McDonough Writing Contest*. Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to apply.

The contest is named in honor of the long-time *Boston Globe* sports columnist and is designed to get kids excited about writing by exploring New England's greatest passion: sports!

The Sports Museum is asking principals and teachers to let their students know about *The 2019 Will McDonough Writing Contest*. Essays will be judged on topic development, organization, style, and mechanics.

Entries from schools will be accepted via US mail. Students can also enter online at: www.sportsmuseum.org. The deadline for submission is **March 8, 2019**. The winners will be announced via The Sports Museum's website on March 21.

First-place winners, along with their guests, sports writers and editors, sponsors, and

members of the McDonough family will participate in an award ceremony at The Sports Museum within TD Garden. The award ceremony will take place prior to the Celtics vs. Miami Heat game on **April 1st**.



Winners will also receive a Kindle.

If you have any questions about *The 2019 Will McDonough Writing Contest*, please call Deborah Kim at (617) 624-1229.

We look forward to reading this year's essays.





The 2019 Will McDonough Writing Contest Guidelines

Students can create a fiction or non-fiction essay on sports or choose from one of the following topics:

1. Great Moments in Sports

Write a narrative essay (fiction or non-fiction) about watching or playing in a great Boston sports moment.

2. Game Changers

Write an essay on who you think is the most influential person in sports. This can be a person who changed athletics, the community, or culture. Provide evidence to support your opinion.

3. Good Sportsmanship/Bad Sportsmanship

Write a narrative essay (either fiction or non-fiction) about an individual or a team who has displayed exceptionally good or exceptionally poor sportsmanship.

4. eSports

eSports (video gaming) have become increasingly popular. Players train, gain sponsorships, and compete in tournaments with millions of viewers both online and in arenas. Write a persuasive essay as to whether or not eSports should be considered a sport.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged on how well they express and support ideas, opinions, and claims. Essays will also be judged on creativity, writing style, and how well they hold the readers' attention. Students may use primary and secondary sources in their essay. Please include a bibliography and documentation if needed.

Maximum Length of Essays

Grades 4-5	400 Words	Grades 9-10	600 Words
Grades 6-8	500 Words	Grades 11-12	700 Words

NOTE: Bibliographies and essay titles do not count toward word totals.

All entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before **March 8, 2019**. Winning essays will be featured in the Will McDonough Exhibit in The Sports Museum, located within the TD Garden. First-place winners will receive a Kindle, be invited to participate in an award ceremony in The Sports Museum, and the Celtics game on **April 1st**. Tickets **cannot** be substituted for any other game.

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Entry Form

Each participant must attach this form to his/her essay. Entries with incomplete forms will not be accepted.

- Entries must be submitted online (www.sportsmuseum.org) or mailed by **March 8, 2019**.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- Essays become the property of The Sports Museum.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Title of Essay: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

School Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School Phone: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Parent/Caregiver Release

I/We understand that The Sports Museum may use the essay, in its original or adapted form, for publicity or commercially distributed publications for no additional compensation and may use the entrant's name and/or likeness. We hereby grant such uses.

Parent or Caregiver

Student Signature

Date

Date

Please submit entries to the following address:

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