

MONTHLY QUESTIONS, DEADLINES AND PUBLICATION DATES

October: What was the most memorable thing about your summer vacation?

Deadline: Oct. 9

Winners published: Oct. 23

November: What two changes would you make to your school if you were the principal?

Deadline: Nov. 13

Winners published: Nov. 27

December: If you could start a charity, who would it be for and why?

Deadline: Dec. 6

Winners published: Dec. 18

January: What is the best advice anyone has ever given you?

Deadline: Jan. 8

Winners published: Jan. 22

February: What was the scariest moment of your life?

Deadline: Feb. 12

Winners published: 26

March: What is the nicest thing someone has done for you, or you have done for someone?

Deadline: March 11

Winners published: March 25

April: What is the most important quality you look for in a friend?

Deadline: April 8

Winners published: April 22

May: Is social media a blessing or a curse?

Deadline: May 13

Winners published: May 27

Awards reception: Tues., June 2

CONTEST RULES

Student Voices is a monthly opinion-page contest for students in grades 7 through 12. Each month during the school year, a new topic of interest and importance to young readers is chosen by the editorial department of the Asbury Park Press.

Teachers should submit the best essays and videos from their class to the Asbury Park Press by 5 p.m. on the entry deadline date. Entries can be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail: Asbury Park Press, 3600

Highway 66, Neptune, NJ 07754, attention: Kristina Cowart/Newsroom; Fax: 732-643-4013; e-mail: yourviews@app.com. For questions, call Kristina at 732-643-4206.

Essays should not exceed 375 words and must be typed and doubled-spaced. Videos should be limited to about two minutes long, and uploaded to students' personal YouTube channel, with the link sent to us at yourviews@app.com.

Students may submit a monthly entry for an essay and a video on the same topic.

Winning first-, second- and third-place essays will be selected each month in two grade-level categories: grades 7-8 and grades 9-12. Video entries from grades 7 through 12 will be judged together.

Each month during the school year, winners' essays will be published on the Student Voices page. In the print edition of the Press, this appears opposite the editorial page and will only include first- and second-place winners. Third-place and honorable mention winners will be listed. On our app.com website, third-place winning essays and video winners will be included.

The editorial staff will notify the teachers that have a winner in their class. Winners will be asked to provide headshot photos for the monthly winner's page and sent by email to yourviews@app.com.