



# Houston Money Week 2018 Middle School and High School Student Essay Contest

Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, sign the form as indicated, and attach it to the front of the essay.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL / TEACHER INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I VOUCH THAT THE ATTACHED ESSAY IS FULLY THE WORK OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TEACHER SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

I VOUCH THAT THE ATTACHED ESSAY IS FULLY AND SOLELY THE WORK OF MY CHILD. I GIVE PERMISSION FOR HIM/HER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF HOUSTON MONEY WEEK 2018, INCLUDING CONSENT TO RELEASE PHOTOS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR MEDIA AND PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

**Entries must be submitted by Monday, March 19, 2018.**



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*In 500 words or less, please discuss the following:*

**Describe the potential devastating effects of a natural disaster (fire, flood, hurricane, etc.) on a family's financial situation. Please select only one type of natural disaster for the focus of your essay. Include tips and resources for the readers to help prepare them for a potential future unexpected crisis.**

## Prizes

- **High School – First Place: \$1,500, Second Place: \$1,000, Third Place: \$500**
- **Middle School – First Place: \$500**

## Participants must be:

- A student in grades 6-12.
- Have knowledge of money management skills (decision-making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Demonstrate how they practice good money management skills in their daily lives.
- Live in the greater Houston area.

## To Enter:

- Students must complete the entire application including teacher and parent information and signatures.
- Students must write an essay (500 words or less) on the assigned topic.
- Essays should be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced.
- The Houston Money Week Essay Contest Application should be attached to the essay pages.
- The essay must be the work of the student submitting the essay.
- The essay and application must be mailed to:

**Houston Money Week  
PO Box 222  
Houston, TX 77001**

**Application Postmark Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018**

## CONTEST JUDGING:

All essays become the property of Houston Money Week and may be used by Houston Money Week to promote financial education. All essays must meet the contest entry guidelines described above. Decisions of the judges are final in all matters relating to this contest. Contest judging determinations are at the sole and absolute discretion of the judges, and such decisions and determinations are not subject to further review or appeal by contestants. Because of the unique nature and scope of the contest, Houston Money Week cannot accurately predict the number of contestants who will participate in the Contest. Also, the Houston Money Week Team cannot individually confirm receipt of all essays.

**Individual winners will be notified. Please check [www.HoustonMoneyWeek.org](http://www.HoustonMoneyWeek.org) after April 12, 2018 for a complete list of Essay Contest Winners.**

Winners of the contest will be contacted via email, mail or phone. All winners will be posted on the official Houston Money Week website and social media pages. Winners will be announced at the Houston Money Week Partner Kick-Off Reception held on Thursday, April 12. Information regarding scores awarded by judges will not be available.