

PUBLISHING THE ESSAYS



- ✓ Publish and distribute the award-winning essays

We encourage your contest committee to compile the winning essays in a handsome collection that is widely distributed throughout your community. If ready in time, the essay publication can be handed out at the awards event. The compilation is a wonderful and enduring memento of the contest, and the essays are so moving that reading them often convinces potential volunteers and sponsors that they too should participate in the contest. Please contact the John Templeton Foundation for sample essay publications from different communities.

Often, a local business underwrites the cost of the essay publication. Contest organizers have also approached local printing companies and have obtained their services at a discounted rate or even free of charge.

The first few pages of the essay publication usually include a letter (or several letters) from the contest sponsor(s), a local public official, the school superintendent, etc. The collection contains the essays of the winning students and often includes a photograph of each student. The number of essays included in the publication varies, although most contain from 12 to 25 essays.

The essay publication should be widely distributed throughout your community to schools, libraries, firehouses, police stations, hospitals, retirement centers, YMCAs, churches, etc. In addition to promoting the contest, the collection helps change the perception that young people are without values and principles. The essays are testimonies to the many parents, teachers, and adults who have worked hard to provide young people with a moral compass.

