



# SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING TEEN WRITING CONTEST 2023

*Contest Theme:*

## **LIFT US OUT OF THE SHADOWS**

Human Trafficking, known as modern day slavery, is making a person work or sell themselves by either physical or psychological force, or by fraud or trickery, or through threats of harm, and includes children selling or trading their bodies or labor. The FBI identified San Francisco as a hot spot for human trafficking in the United States.

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to middle and high school students attending public, private, or home schools in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area. **All contestants are required to review the contest rules below and the orientation video available at <https://sfcaht.org/teen-contests.html>**

**Contest Rules:**

- Writing must not exceed 500 words.
- Original writing ONLY (no previously written or published materials).
- The document can be printed, typed or written legibly (illegible submissions will be rejected).
- Writing can be completed by an individual or in groups of up to 3 members.
- Limit of one entry per student or group.
- The contest theme: **“Lift Us Out of the Shadows”** must be addressed in the writing itself.
- The submitted writing will be judged for its compelling message and originality.
- To be considered, the submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which is included in page 2 of this document.

**Submission:** Deliver or mail entry to: **SFCAHT Writing Contest**  
c/o San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking  
2000 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 411, San Francisco, CA 94109

Email entry to: **SFCAHTteencontest@gmail.com**  
**Subject Line: “2023 Teen Writing Contest: [Student Name(s)]”**

**Deadline:** **Entries of original writing must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Late submissions will not be considered.**

Winners will be recognized by San Francisco Bay Area officials at the Teen Power Against Human Trafficking Summit on Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the San Francisco Main Public Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St, San Francisco, CA 94102. For more event details and registration, please go to <https://sfcaht.org/teen-contests.html>

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$200**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$50**

**Questions?** Contact: Antonia Lavine, San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking  
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## ENTRY FORM

Student name (first, last)	
Student email address	
School name	
Grade & Age	
Parent/Guardian name (first, last)	
Parent/Guardian email address	
Parent/Guardian phone number	
Parent/Guardian mailing address	

### Release/Waiver

By signing this form, I hereby give permission to publish the name, school, grade, and age of the student submitting writing to the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking for the specific purpose of publicizing winners of the 2023 writing contest. In giving my consent, I hereby release and hold harmless the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking for any and all responsibility or liability related to the writing. I understand that no compensation will be paid for the writing and that the original writing will not be returned. I have read this agreement and understand it.

Student Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH STUDENT MUST INCLUDE THIS SIGNED ENTRY FORM  
ALONG WITH THEIR WRITING SUBMISSION  
FOR THE ENTRY TO BE CONSIDERED.**