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

1st prize: $500
2nd prize: $200
3rd prize: $50

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

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**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.**