

A. Participation Information

Theme: Bias, discrimination, hate cause racism and divide us. Race does not and should not. What do you want the world you live in and the future to look like?

This contest is open to **youth age 12 – 22 years** who would like to use your creative voice to inspire positive race relations and a world you imagined.

If you are interested, submit your creative voice as a spoken word, rap, acrostics, lyrics, haiku, free verse, blank verse, or rhymed poetry in written form or as an audio file through our website <https://www.alphaeducation.org/voicesofhope>

Closing Date: April 30, 2021

1. All submitted creative works must be original.
2. The creative work received will be assigned to 5 categories: Group 1: 12 – 13 years; Group 2: 14 – 15 years; Group 3: 16 -17 years; Group 4: 18 – 19 years; Group 5: 20 – 21years
3. \$200 award for the best creative work in each of the categories.
\$50 gift card for each creative work selected for honourable mentions.
All participants will receive a Certificate of Honoured Recognition.
4. All submissions will be judged by a panel.
5. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@alphaeducation.org

Creative Voice Inspiration

In addition to your own inspiration sources, we recommend that participants watch the following short videos which may help bring inspiration and depth to your creative piece.

- [youtube.com/watch?v=GPVNJgfDwpw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPVNJgfDwpw) CNN Kids on Race (9.29 mins)
- [youtube.com/watch?v=r1gp8Qx5YPO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1gp8Qx5YPO) Episode 1 (4.03 mins)
- [youtube.com/watch?v=6E9IEmKH8hY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9IEmKH8hY) Episode 2 (3.53 Mins)
- ["Because I'm Latino, I can't have money?" Kids on Race - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9IEmKH8hY) Being 12 (4.17 mins)
- [Diversity and Inclusion: Lessons In Friendship and Love | Maryam Elassar | TEDxAmanaAcademy - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9IEmKH8hY) (6.33 mins)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoPHnrt3gWQ&t=7s> Make Food, Not War (19.13 mins)

B. Participation Checklist

We are looking forward to receiving your creative work.
Are you ready to submit?

- Compose a piece that expresses the theme of the creative voice contest**
- Title submission file as such:**
first name last name_category_form_title of piece
Example: *Alexandra_Winchester_Haiku_Rising Up*
- Title application form as such:**
first name_last name_application
Example: *Alexandra_Winchester_application*
- Complete Sections A, B, and C in the application form below**
- Complete and sign the Participant Agreement Form**
- Submit in required format: written form or audio file**
- Email application form, agreement form, and creative work in written form or as an audio file to voicesofhope@alphaeducation.org**

***Please title your email "VOICES OF HOPE CONTEST_first name_last name" ***

C. Application Form

SECTION A

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth (YYY/MM/DD): _____

Email Address: _____

Grade & School / College / University / Workplace. Select one of the listed, where applicable, and complete:

SECTION B

Title of Creative Work Submission:

Reflection: Respond to the following question:

What and why inspired your creative work? Maximum 150 words

SECTION C

Author Statement (Maximum 150 words)

Describe or explain how your creative work expresses the theme of **“Voices of Hope”**.

Participant Agreement

Thank you for submitting your creative work to the “Voices of Hope” Contest. All contest entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of this agreement. If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent/legal guardian must also sign the agreement.

This participant agreement is made on the ____ (day) of ____ (month), 2021 between participant (“Author”) and ALPHA Education (“Organization”) on the terms and conditions set forth below.

The Author, _____, hereby consents to the display and/or use of the digital creative work submission by ALPHA Education for any non-commercial use, including but not limited to: record keeping, publicity of the creative voice and/or exhibition, education, public relations, and promotions of the arts. This consent applies in all forms known now and into the future, through any type of media including but not limited to creative work, promotions, editorial and exhibition. The author will be credited for the image or text used.

Author understands that if the creative work is selected, it may be electronically displayed on ALPHA Education’s website and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Author also acknowledges that the Organization has the right to publish the creative work as a Collection of Voices of Hope.

Check here if participant is under 18

Author:

Participant Name

Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Participant

Date of Signature

Organization:

Flora Chong, Executive Director
on behalf of ALPHA Education

Date of Signature