



# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Kindest Kansas Citian Contest Guidelines



Please read the following contest guidelines carefully. The guidelines listed below are designed to help students meet the contest objectives of defining kindness and identify adult role models who demonstrate kind, caring, and respectful behavior that the students would like to emulate in their lives. **Please ensure each student receives a copy of these guidelines.**

- 1.** Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may participate in the essay contest. Only kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students may submit a drawing with a one sentence description. Entries are judged in the following grade level groups: K-2 Drawing; K-2 Essay; 3-5 Essay; 6-8 Essay; 9-12 Essay.
- 2.** Essays should not be longer than one page written in ink or typed. Drawings must be on 8.5 x 11 inch paper. All entries must be completed on or accompanied by an Official Contest Form with the required information complete and correct to qualify in the top 20 honorees (see the Official Contest Form for the list of required information).
- 3.** Individuals, couples, or groups may be nominated for the Kindest Kansas Citian Contest. The nominee must be a Kansas City Metro area resident, 18 years of age or older, and NOT related to the nominating student. Famous individuals will NOT qualify in the top 20 honorees unless they have personal relationships with the nominating students.  
  
Entries should demonstrate the positive impact the nominee has made on the student's life. Judges are looking to identify kind acts that come from the heart. Emotional content takes precedence over spelling and grammar. Entries must be created by the youth and not parents or teachers. For very young children and youth with disabilities, adults may take dictation for essays or write a descriptive sentence for drawings. Students are allowed write about someone they have nominated in the past as long they were not previously a finalist with that nomination.
- 4.**
- 5.** Entries must be submitted by Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

