

NYCHA

YOUTH CONVENTION 2022
Growing Up In The Sandbox

2022 NYCHA Youth Week Public Speaking Contest “GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX”

Sponsored by
Reytheon & Julia Hansma Memorial Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Payout - \$3,000.00

Contest Date/Time: Thursday, July 28, 2022, 8:00am

Location: Will Rogers Memorial Center - Amos G. Carter Exhibit Hall - Cactus Room

Speech Topic: GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

Playing in the sandbox helps develop us from an early age. The sandbox is where we begin developing friendships, communicating, sharing, and socializing. As you get older, and start to compete in the dirt, you develop further and begin learning how to cope with success, failure, and being a leader. You learn to support others, set goals, and take risks. How has what you have learned from playing in the sandbox helped you to this point of your life?

1. Eligibility

- a. The Public Speaking Contest is open to NYCHA members between the age of 8-18.
 - i. Junior Division: participants must be 8-13 years of age as of July 1, 2022.
 - ii. Senior Division: participants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of July 1, 2022.
- b. Contestants must be NYCHA/NCHA members, with valid member number, in good standing.
- c. Previous winners are eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).

2. Entry Application

- a. Entries are due by midnight on July 1, 2022.
- b. In addition to your entry form, a copy of your speech must be submitted to NCHA

Foundation Director Julia Buswold by midnight on July 1, 2022. Please email a copy of your speech to jbuswold@nchacutting.com

c. No late entries or speeches will be accepted.

3. Contest Format

- a. The Public Speaking Contest will be conducted in person.
- b. Speeches will be evaluated and scored by a panel of judges.
- c. Contestants will be judged on the following:
 - i. Ability to deliver their speech within the allotted time (2 ½ - 3 minutes)
 - ii. Does your speech follow and answer the prompt?
 - iii. Ability to maintain composure and deliver your speech to the judges.
 - iv. Brief question-and-answer session with the judges following speech.
- d. Contestants will be placed in a randomly drawn speaking order, within their age group, and will be evaluated and ranked by the judges.
- e. Only the contestant, judges, and timekeeper will be allowed in the contest room.
- f. A brief question-and-answer period will follow each speech. The question-and-answer portion is not included in the time allowed for the speech.

4. Notification of Contest Winners

- a. A list of contestants, along with their age division, will be posted once judges scoring is final. Winners will be recognized at the NYCHA Banquet.

5. Dress Attire

- a. Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official NYCHA attire is recommended.

6. Presentation Time

- a. Each speech shall be a minimum of two and a half (2 ½) minutes in length and a maximum of three (3) minutes. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
- b. Under two and a half minutes - one point per ten seconds
- c. Over three minutes - one point per ten seconds

7. Props

- a. The use of pets, signs, electronics, objects, or props of any kind are prohibited. Any violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.

8. Speech Topic

- a. Each contestant will enter a single speech. The contestant's speech must clearly address the given topic and clear to the judges.

9. Awarded Scholarships

- a. Scholarships will be held under the student's name at the NCHA Foundation until the student is ready to utilize their available scholarship funds. All scholarship payment requests must be made via the on-line portal, located on the "Scholarship" page of the NCHA Foundation web page. All scholarship payouts will be made directly to the educational institution of choice.

Public Speaking Contest - Scholarship Payout

1st Place Senior Champion - \$800.00

1st Place Junior Champion - \$800.00

2nd Place Senior Reserve Champion - \$500.00

2nd Place Junior Reserve Champion - \$500.00

3rd Place Senior Division - \$200.00

3rd Place Junior Division - \$200.00