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February 2014

Dear Junior High/Middle School Principal:

This letter and the enclosed brochure together comprise an invitation to eighth-graders in your school to participate in a statewide essay contest organized by the Montana Police Protective Association.

\* The 17th annual essay contest is open to all EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS in Montana. Our purpose in presenting this opportunity is to continue to educate youth across the state about an issue that can impact all students - the abuse of prescription drugs. Prescription drug abuse has become a growing problem in schools and communities throughout Montana. By providing an incentive for students to focus on ways to prevent the abuse of prescription drugs, we hope to reinforce the critical message of staying safe and promoting a healthy, secure environment in the school setting.

We would be most grateful if you would provide the enclosed information to your eighth-grade teachers and encourage them to pass it along to their students.

The top three entries from each of the three regions of Montana will receive an award of a cash prize. In addition, the judges' selection as the top essay entry in the contest will be awarded a grand prize of \$1,000.00. We hope to present the prizes at the winners' schools in May.

Essay contest entries may be submitted any time, but must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014. They should be mailed to the address below. If you have any questions, please call the number listed below or mail an inquiry to the address provided.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this project. We hope we'll be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

John Schaffer  
President, MPPA  
1-800-565-8557

# Contest Rules . . .

1. This contest is open to all eighth-grade students in Montana.
2. Entries must be fewer than 500 words and may bear any title but must address the theme: "Prescription Drug Abuse - What to do?"
3. The Montana Police Protective Association readily acknowledges that spelling, punctuation and usage is always important in essay construction. However, for purposes of this contest, primary judging emphasis will be placed on content and message of each entry.
4. Entries may be either typed or legibly handwritten.
5. **All entries must be submitted with an entry form and must be signed by the student. The form is on the back of this pamphlet and may be photocopied.**
6. All winners will be contacted through their schools, by phone, or mail.
7. **All entries must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014.**
8. Entries become the property of the Montana Police Protective Association. Entries cannot be returned, and the association is not liable for lost or missing entries.
9. The Montana Police Protective Association reserves the right to reproduce any entries for publication or publicity and to publicize the names of the winners.

Mail all entries to:

**MMPPA Essay Contest**  
c/o J. Williams  
2206 Massachusetts Ave  
Butte, MT 597017

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**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eighth-Grade Essay Contest**

**2013 GRAND PRIZE WINNER**  
Emily McKeever  
Lavinia School, Lavinia  
Teacher, Mrs. Schwehr

**REGION 1**  
1st: Hollis Lavelle  
Greenfield School, Fairfield  
2nd: Tanaya Krentik  
North Middle School, Great Falls  
3rd (tie): Mist Rowe  
North Middle School, Great Falls  
Fred Moody Middle School, Anaconda

**REGION 2**  
1st: Jerry Schmitz  
East Middle School, Butte  
2nd: Crystal Johnson  
East Middle School, Butte  
3rd: Hannah Gray  
East Middle School, Butte

**REGION 3**  
1st: Emily McKeever  
Lavinia School, Lavinia  
2nd: Madi Wells  
Columbus 7-8, Columbus  
3rd: Aaron Lagerquist  
Wesby School, Wesby

prizes  
totalling  
\$4,000

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE**  
**What to do?**

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the four regions of the state. From these, one overall Grand Prize winner will be selected.



(1) Grand Prize: \$ 1,000  
(4) First Place: \$ 300  
(4) Second Place: \$ 200  
(4) Third Place: \$ 100



**\$1,000.00**  
grand prize



Prescription  
Drug Abuse.  
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## A Message from MPPA President John Schaffer

The Montana Police Protective Association is one of the oldest and largest law enforcement organizations in Montana. The MPPA is a nonprofit organization with membership open to all police officers within Montana.

Through the years, the MPPA has developed and built upon a proud tradition of leadership in state law enforcement affairs. This tradition continues today in its promotion of service programs for its members and dedication to serving the public through protection and safety.

The Montana Police Protective Association pursues an active legislative program designed to secure laws beneficial to the membership and the criminal justice system. Members of the MPPA are committed to providing the citizens of Montana with the very best in law enforcement services. Each day these dedicated men and women ably and selflessly face the dangers and risks associated with the performance of their duties – all in the interest of public service.

As we kick off the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eighth-Grade Essay Contest, we look forward to reading about your views on the problem of prescription drug abuse and what can be done to address it.

*Thanks for participating and good luck.*

John Schaffer, President

Teachers: Please make copies of the entry form to the left, and post the flyer (other side) on your eighth-grade bulletin boards.

# Official Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prescription Drug Abuse. What To Do?

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eighth-Grade Student Essay Contest

Teachers, please make copies of this form available to your students. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014. Thank you!

Mail entries to:

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