



A Contest for Children in Kindergarten – Grade 3

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Criteria

Students must write three original reasons explaining why their nominee shows one or all of the following qualities of an Olympian: friendship, solidarity, and fair play. They must also illustrate their reasons.

Students should realize that being an Olympian means so much more than being an athlete. The International Olympic Committee states that Olympism is a philosophy of life. It blends sport with culture and education. It covers five continents.

The goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.

Below are definitions and explanations for each of the qualities students should articulate and illustrate in their submissions.

Qualities of an Olympian

Friendship (def.) *The state of being a friend.*

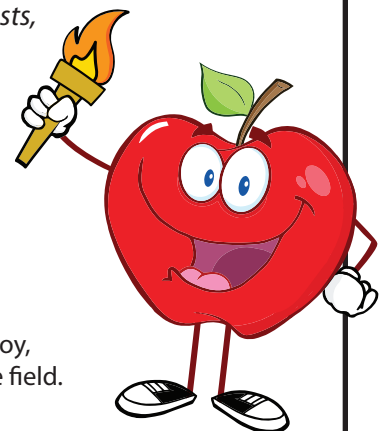
- A friend is a person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard. For many people, friendship consists of a combination of affection, loyalty, love, respect, and trust.
- This value encourages Olympians to consider sport as a tool for mutual understanding among individuals and people from all over the world.

Solidarity (def.) *Union or fellowship arising from common responsibilities and interests, as between members of a group or between classes, peoples, etc.*

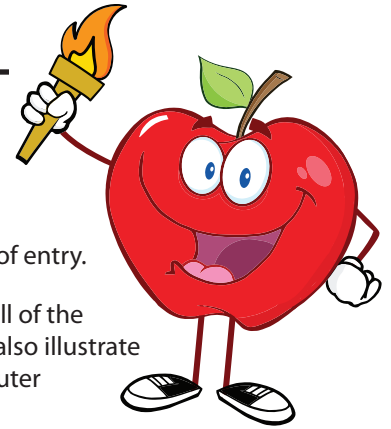
- It is important to support each other and share feelings, aims, and dreams.
- Mutual support brings mutual success on and off the field.

Fair Play (def.) *Just and honorable treatment, action, or conduct.*

- Fair play is a complex concept that comprises and embodies a number of fundamental values that are not only integral to sport but relevant in everyday life.
- Fair competition, respect, friendship, team spirit, equality, sport without doping, respect for written and unwritten rules such as integrity, solidarity, tolerance, care, excellence, and joy, are the building blocks of fair play that can be experienced and learned both on and off the field.



CONTEST RULES



- ⊙ Contest begins Oct. 23, 2017. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DEC. 31, 2017.**
- ⊙ No purchase is necessary to enter the contest.
- ⊙ Contest is open to Pennsylvania students in **kindergarten through grade 3** at the time of entry.
- ⊙ Students must write three original reasons explaining why their nominee shows one or all of the following qualities of an Olympian: **friendship, solidarity, and fair play**. Students must also illustrate these points in the space provided on the entry form. No photographs, stencils, or computer graphics are permitted.
- ⊙ "Teacher" may include **any school employee** the student chooses to nominate. For example, support professionals (*such as bus drivers, cafeteria workers, classroom aides, and custodians*) and school administrators could also be nominated.
- ⊙ All writing and drawing must be the **original work** of one student. Only one entry per student.
- ⊙ Entries must be submitted on entry forms. **All entries must be accompanied by a completed release form.** If the form is not filled out completely, the entry will be disqualified. Entries from multiple students may be sent in one envelope.
- ⊙ The entry form may be copied. It can also be downloaded at www.partnersforpubliced.org/Olympian.
- ⊙ Entry forms must list the **county** of the student's school.
- ⊙ **Late entries will not be considered.** Entries will not be returned. All entries become property of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Pennsylvania Parent Teacher Association.
- ⊙ A copy of these rules is available at www.partnersforpubliced.org/Olympian.

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- ⊙ Winners will be selected by panels of judges, including directors of the PSEA Education Foundation and PA PTA appointees. Entries will be judged based on creativity, originality, and artistic merit. The decision of the judges is final.
- ⊙ **One winner will be chosen from each of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania.** Each student winner will receive a certificate, and the student and his or her teacher will each receive a \$25 cash prize.
- ⊙ **One grand-prize winner will be chosen,** and that student and his or her teacher will each receive a \$500 cash prize.
- ⊙ Winners will be notified by mail or phone call **no later than Feb. 1, 2018.** A list of winners can be found at www.partnersforpubliced.org/Olympian.
- ⊙ All prize winners will be invited to a dessert reception in the summer of 2018.
- ⊙ Winners and honorable mentions may be invited to participate in a book project.

Questions about the contest? Please refer to the My Teacher is an Olympian FAQ page at www.partnersforpubliced.org/Olympian.