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## Good Stuff About Our Grantees

### Good Schools Essay Contest: What Makes a Good School?

Calling all creative and talented Detroit students to participate in the first Good Schools Essay Contest.

The essay contest is open to K-12 students attending any public, charter, private or parochial school in the city of Detroit. ♦ The topic for the essay is: "What Makes a Good School?" ♦ All essays must be original and written by you, the student. ♦ The contest is divided into three grade levels – elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high school (9-12). ♦ First, second and third place winners will be selected in each group.

Your essays will be judged on focus, organization, analysis, originality, style, recommendations and compelling content. ♦

Simply put: Judges are looking for something that's interesting and well written. ♦

And guess what? ♦ There are prizes to be won: gift cards that range from \$150 to \$1,000. ♦ And you thought Christmas was over!



- ♦ You better get moving, though.
- ♦ The submission deadline is **Monday, January 22 at 4 p.m.**
- ♦ Winners will be chosen and notified by **March 15.**
- ♦ Complete essay contest rules,

- ♦ **Foundation** has awarded more than **\$3.3 million** in Good Schools grants to more than 100 Detroit schools during the first two years of the initiative.

including word count requirements, are available by calling the Good Schools Resource Center at 313.927.1418, or by logging on to [www.goodschoolsdetroit.org](http://www.goodschoolsdetroit.org).

♦ You may also mail or hand deliver your work to: Good Schools Resource Center, Marygrove College, Madame Cadillac Building – 4th Floor, 8425 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221-2599.

Only entries that follow the contest rules will be considered, so make sure you ask for help from your parent or teacher in order to get it just right.

The contest goes hand in hand with the Skillman Foundation's education initiative, **Good Schools: Making the Grade**, which looks at nine indicators of student and school success and invites all Detroit schools to apply for funding or technical assistance to achieve high standards. ♦ **The**

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