



**The Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta**  
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To: High School Principals, Guidance counselors, English and History teachers

Reference: Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta 17<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Writing Contest for Juniors

In 2003, the Georgetown Club of Georgia initiated a writing contest for high school juniors in an effort to encourage students to think broadly and analytically about global issues while sharpening their communication skills via the written word. On behalf of the Club, I extend this formal invitation to your junior class to participate in the Seventeenth Annual **Georgia High School Writing Contest**.

Following on the University's philosophy of imparting to students an acute sense of global issues, social justice, and a calling to work for the common good, the Writing Contest challenges students to tackle real issues that require creative solutions and unique perspectives. The enclosed flyer contains the Contest details, including the topic, format, deadline, and submission information. Please feel free to make photocopies of this flyer to share with your juniors. **The deadline for submitting essays is Monday, February 4, 2020 at midnight.** Awards will be presented during The Georgetown Club of Metro Atlanta's Soiree on March 14, 2020 in Atlanta. Contest winners, their parents, and their principal will be invited to attend the Soiree as guests of the Club. There will be an additional charge for other guests or family members.

Should you have any questions or would prefer a copy of the contest electronically, please contact Rebecca O'Connor, via email at [georgetownessay@gmail.com](mailto:georgetownessay@gmail.com). You may use this to email to your staff and Academic departments.

Thank you for your assistance and your commitment to educating today's youth. We look forward to reading the perspectives submitted by your juniors in their essays.

With kindest regards,

Rebecca Welsh O'Connor  
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Chair – Georgia High School Writing Contest

**Enclosure**

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TOPIC

The Secretary General of the United Nations in 2019 is preparing his state of the world address to the General Assembly. The recent, prominent changes in Climate Change and the United States policies will take central place in his remarks.

You are a UN civil servant working as an analyst in the United Nations Economic Analysis and Policy Division. You have been assigned to a working group tasked with presenting briefs that will inform the General Secretary's forthcoming address. Please provide a concise document on Climate Change as it pertains to Global implications, **maximum** 1500 words, analyzing the issue in a way that considers both arguments for and arguments against the stance you have taken on Climate Change. Remember - the Secretary General must present himself as a nonpartisan, dispassionate voice about major issues affecting international security.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Writing Contest is **strictly for full-time high school students in their junior year** (Grade 11) in the state of Georgia. Essays should be between three to five pages typed in 12-point font, with 1.5 spacing. Please submit your essay in a **Word** file to our distinguished panel of judges via email at the following address: [georgetownnessay@gmail.com](mailto:georgetownnessay@gmail.com).

Please ensure that your essay *cover* page includes the following: your full name, high school, home address, email address, phone number, *your principal's name, email address and school phone number*. *The cover page should be sent separate from the essay*. No limit exists as to the number of students who may participate from each high school. Do not put your name on every page of your essay – just on the cover.

DEADLINE

All essays **must be received** by **February 4, 2020**. Essays received later than midnight on February 4th will not be accepted. An email confirmation will be sent a few days after your submission. Essays will be judged on creativity, understanding of world issues, clarity of thought, and grammar. Winners will be notified late February/early March 2020.

AWARDS

First Place: \$1,000; Second Place: \$500; Third Place: \$300  
Awards will be presented on March 14, 2020.

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