

**Hearst Media Services Connecticut LLC
Community Volunteering Essay Contest
Official Rules**

1. GENERAL:

No purchase necessary. Making a purchase will not increase your chances of winning. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. All federal, state, and local regulations apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

Community Volunteering Essay Contest (“Contest”) is offered only to legal U.S. residents between the ages of 13 and 21 years of age at the time of entry. One winner per household. One winner per family. Prizes are non-transferable. Contest is offered only to CT residents. Winners of a contest or sweepstakes hosted or sponsored by Hearst Media Services Connecticut LLC and Volunteer Square, Inc., or its affiliates within the past calendar year are not eligible. Employees of Hearst Media Services Connecticut LLC and members of their immediate families, Volunteer Square, Inc., (Together, “Sponsor”), Hearst Corporation, and each of their affiliates, representatives, and agents, and their directors and employees (collectively, “Contest Entities”), and the members of the same households of such individuals are not eligible. The term “immediate families” includes spouses, grandparents, parents, siblings, children and grandchildren. No groups, clubs, or organizations may participate in this Contest or reproduce or distribute any portion of these Official Rules to their members. Proof of age, identity, and eligibility must be furnished to Sponsor upon request. All entry form information must be complete and accurate. Sponsor will not award a prize to anyone not meeting eligibility requirements at the time of entry. By entering, you agree to comply with all applicable law and these Official Rules, and you agree to abide by all decisions of the Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if these Official Rules are not followed. Internet access is necessary to enter.

3. HOW TO ENTER:

The Contest entry period begins at 12:01 a.m. on November 1, 2017 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on November 8, 2017 (“Entry Period”). All times in these rules refer to EST Time.

To enter, email your essay to: essays@volunteersquare.com. An entry must include an essay of no more than 500 words describing “Why is Volunteering and Making an impact on your community important to you?” Essays may not contain indecent, obscene, profane, or offensive language (“Objectionable Language”) as judged in the sole discretion of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to reject or disqualify entries that contain Objectionable Language, entries containing essays that are more than 500 words, entries that fail to include an essay, entries containing essays that are not on topic, and entries that are objectionable or unacceptable for any other reason. Sponsor reserves the right to edit or redact portions of essays in their sole discretion. All entries must be received during the Entry Period.

Sponsor will not verify receipt of entries. Entries become property of Sponsor and will not be returned. Limit one entry per person. Incomplete and multiple entries are void. Sponsor is not responsible for entries that are lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, incomprehensible, illegible, damaged, undeliverable or delayed. Photocopied and mechanically generated entries are void. Entries generated by any automated means are void. Electronic entries will be deemed to have been submitted by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address at the time of the entry. The authorized account holder is the person to whom the applicable internet service provider or other organization (such as a business or educational institution) has assigned the e-mail address. Online entrants must have valid e-mail address and it is entrant's responsibility to update Sponsor of any change in e-mail address.

4. HOW TO WIN:

Judges from Hearst Media Services Connecticut LLC and Volunteer Square Inc. will select a first, second and third place winner, based on the quality of the essay, its writing and how well it addresses the topic of "Why is volunteering and making an impact on your community important to you." (Judging Criteria). In the event of a tie, the submissions involved in the tie will be reviewed by an additional judge according to the Judging Criteria. Decisions of judges are final.

Due to the nature of this Contest, there is a possibility that similar Submissions may be entered by multiple individuals. Any similarity between Submissions shall in no way entitle you to any consideration or compensation from the Sponsors or from any third party, including in the event a Submission similar or identical to yours is selected as a winner in this Contest. By submitting your Submission, you specifically acknowledge this possibility and agree to the terms stated in these Official Rules.

Potential winner(s) will be notified by email by November 17, 2017, following sponsors judging. Winner must respond to Sponsor's email notification within forty-eight (48) and provide their full name, age and mailing address, or the Winner will be subject to disqualification, in which case the Prize will be forfeited, and an alternate Winner will be selected from among the remaining eligible entries, time permitting. Winners may be required to sign and return appropriate forms and/or documentation, including an Affidavit of Eligibility, a Liability Release and/or where legally permissible a Publicity Release within four (4) days following the date of first attempted notification. Winner hereby further agrees that it will sign any documents necessary to transfer copyright of the entry to Sponsor within four (4) days following the date of first attempted notification. Failure to sign and return such forms within the requisite timeframe could result in disqualification.

Sponsor is not responsible for incomplete, incomprehensible, illegible, or out-of-service contact information. If Sponsor is unable, after making a reasonable effort, to contact a selected potential winner, that potential winner will be disqualified and a new potential winner will be selected based on the above criteria from remaining entries until all qualified winners are chosen.

5. PUBLICITY RELEASE:

Except where prohibited, entry in the Contest constitutes each entrant's consent to use, publish, reproduce and for all purposes, including publicity, promotion and advertising, in any media (including without limitation, the Internet, television, radio, or offline promotions), each Winner's name, city, photograph, likeness, biographical material, voice, image, each in perpetuity without further compensation, credit or right of review or approval.

6. PRIZES:

One (1) First Place Winner will receive: one (1) Beats Solo 3 Wireless Headphones and \$700.

Approximate First Place Prize Value: \$1,000

7. One (1) Second Place Winner will receive: one (1) Polaroid - Snap 10.0-Megapixel Digital Camera with case and \$450.

Approximate Second Place Prize Value: \$600

One (1) Third Place Winner will receive: \$300

Approximate Third Place Prize Value: \$300

All charges, fees, and costs not specifically included in the prize descriptions above, including but not limited to personal incidental items, transportation, taxes, souvenirs, gratuities, and licenses, are the responsibility of the respective Prize Winner(s).

Prizes will be awarded on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the offices of the Connecticut Post, 410 State St., Bridgeport, CT 06604 at a time to be determined by sponsors. If a winner is unable to attend, arrangements will be made by the Sponsors to deliver the prize(s) to the winners. Prize is non-transferable and winner must be available within seven (7) days of November 20, 2017 to receive the prize. No cash redemption or prize substitution allowed by Prize Winner(s). Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for any reason in the sole discretion of Sponsor if the Prize or any component thereof is unavailable for any reason.

8. ODDS OF WINNING:

Because selection of Winner does not depend upon chance, there are no "odds" of winning. Instead, winner is selected as described above.

9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Participants are responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and with these Official Rules, and by entering, participants agree to be bound to these Official Rules. Any attempt by an entrant or other party to tamper with the proper administration of the Contest will disqualify the entrant and may result in civil or criminal action against the entrant or other party and may result in the discontinuation, suspension, or cancellation of the Contest. WINNERS AND ENTRANTS AGREE, EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE CONTEST ENTITIES, AND ALL OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF THIS CONTEST, FROM ANY AND ALL TAX LIABILITY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED OR ASSOCIATED WITH RECEIPT OR USE OF THE PRIZES, AND FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, AND LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES, EXPENSES, FEES, INJURY OR LOSSES (INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH) SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEIPT, OWNERSHIP, OR USE OF THE PRIZE OR WHILE TRAVELING TO, PREPARING FOR, OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY PRIZE-RELATED ACTIVITY. Sponsor is not responsible for any printing, typographical, mechanical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Promotion or in the announcement of the Prize. Winner's guest(s), if applicable, must execute a liability and publicity release prior to the Winner's receipt of the Prize. Sponsor retains the discretion to make all decisions regarding the interpretation and application of these Official Rules. All decisions of Sponsor are final and discretionary. In the event the selected Winner(s) of the Prize are/is ineligible or refuse(s) the Prize, the Prize will be forfeited and Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may select an alternate Winner from remaining entries, or may elect not to award such Prize to an alternate Winner, where permitted. For prizes valued at \$600 or greater, Winner must provide his or her Social Security Number for tax purposes. Prizes may be considered income, and any and all taxes associated with Prizes are the responsibility of the Winner(s).

10. DISCLAIMER/INTERNET:

If for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned for any reason, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, and unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, acts of God, war, terrorism, government regulation, disaster, fire, strikes, civil disorder, or any other causes beyond the control of the Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity of the Contest, the Sponsor reserves the right in its discretion to disqualify any individual it believes has tampered with the entry process, and/or cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Sponsor reserves the right to select winners from eligible entries received as of the termination date. Sponsor may prohibit an entrant from participating in a Promotion if it determines that said entrant is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Promotion by cheating, hacking, deception or other unfair playing practices or intending to abuse, threaten or harass other entrants. Caution: Any attempt by a participant to deliberately damage any Web site or undermine the legitimate operation of the Promotion is a violation of criminal and civil laws and should such an attempt be made, Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages from any such participant to the fullest extent of the law. The Contest Entities (i) assume no responsibility for any error, omission,

interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alternation of, entries; (ii) are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers, or provider, computer equipment, software, failure of any entry information to be received by the Sponsor on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or (iii) any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to the participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this Contest. SPONSOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, GUARANTEE, OR REPRESENTATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING ANY PRIZE, AND SPONSOR SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, WARRANTY OF FITNESS, AND ANY OTHER IMPLIED WARRANTY.

11. ARBITRATION/CHOICE OF LAW:

Except where prohibited, entrants agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association then effective, and any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred by entrant with regard to this Contest, but in no event attorneys' fees, punitive, incidental, consequential or other damages. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of entrants and sponsors in connection with the Contest shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of New York or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than New York. New York County shall be the exclusive forum for any dispute relating to these Official Rules and/or this Contest. All participants and winners agree, by their participation in the Contest, to submit to personal jurisdiction in New York County. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Official Rules shall not affect the invalidity or unenforceability of any other provision so long as the general intent of these Official Rules remains in effect. In the event that any such provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, these Official Rules shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained therein.

12. OFFICIAL RULES AND LIST OF WINNERS:

To receive a copy of these Official Rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Volunteer Square, Inc. 304 Main Avenue, #424 Norwalk, CT 06851. These Official Rules supersede all other published editions. Sponsor reserves the right to change, alter, or amend these Official Rules as necessary, in its sole discretion, to ensure the fair administration of the Contest or to comply with applicable law. For a list of Winners' names, send a self-addressed stamped envelope within 60 days of the Contest's conclusion to Volunteer Square Inc., Community Volunteering Essay Contest Winner's List, at the address listed above.

13. SPONSOR(S):

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