

# Essay Contest SIDEbySIDE

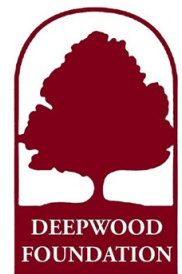
Call For Entries | Deadline March 31, 2022

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is holding an Essay Contest open to all **High School students who are residents of Lake County, Ohio.**

Each student can enter one essay, answering the question:

*Why is it important to stand side by side to promote inclusion of individuals who have developmental disabilities?*

**The winning essay will receive \$200** in an array of gift cards from businesses who actively support and recognize the talents and contributions of individuals who have developmental disabilities. **The runner-up will receive \$100 in gift cards.** Prizes are generously donated by the Deepwood Foundation. Winning entries will be announced to the public on April 25, 2022.



**Format:** The essay should be submitted in .pdf format and suitable for printing on 8.5 x 11.0 paper. Submissions must be typed. We recommend the essay be double spaced in 12-point font. Please do not insert graphics or photos.

**Essay Length:** The essay must not exceed 1,000 words in length.

**Deadline:** All submissions must be received by the County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood on/before March 31, 2022.

**Submission Process:** Essay (with cover sheet) should be emailed to [info@lakebdd.org](mailto:info@lakebdd.org) or dropped off at Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood, 8121 Deepwood Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060.

**Cover Sheet:** The accompanying cover sheet must be attached to the essay.

**Original Work:** The essay must be the original work of the submitter. Team writing, parental participation, and the use of works written by other sources, even if footnoted, is not authorized.

Questions? Call (440) 350-5050 or email [info@@lakebdd.org](mailto:info@@lakebdd.org).

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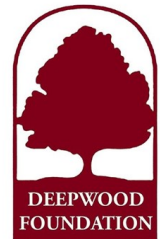
We appreciate the time and thought you dedicated to write an essay for our SIDEbySIDE essay contest. Our hope is that the inclusion of others is top of mind as you go throughout your life and step into adulthood. Together, side by side, we can foster a community that is inclusive of all abilities.

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake County High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the essay submitted is my original work and does not entail team writing, parental participation, or the use of works written by other sources, even if footnoted.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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