Essay/Video Contest Opening Doors In 2024

Call For Entries | Deadline March 31, 2024

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 has the opportunity to enter one essay or video reflecting on:

Opening one door, providing one opportunity, can change the course of someone's life. Share your perspective on ways you and/or our community have helped open a door to enrich the life of someone with a developmental disability and/or an idea we can put in motion to do so.

The winning entry will receive a \$200 gift card and the runner-up will receive a \$100 gift card. Prizes are generously donated by Deepwood Foundation. The winning entries will be announced to the public in mid-April 2024.



Format: If essay, please type and submit in .pdf format. We recommend the essay be double spaced in 12-point font and to not exceed 750 words. If video, please provide in MP4 format no longer than three minutes total run time.

Deadline: All submissions must be received by the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/ Deepwood on/before March 31, 2024.

Submission Process: Entry (with cover sheet) should be emailed to <u>info@lakebdd.org</u> or dropped off at Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood (Attn. Marketing), 8121 Deepwood Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060.

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

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

Questions? Call (440) 350-5050 or email info@@lakebdd.org. Learn more at www.lakebdd.org. Follow us on social media @DeepwoodLakeDD.



Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood EMPOWER individuals with developmental disabilities to ENGAGE in activities that ENRICH their lives and contribute to their community.

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We appreciate your dedication and time to write an essay or create a video for our '**Opening Doors In 2024'** contest. Creating opportunities in the spirit of inclusion can open the door for someone to lead a more fulfilling life.

Essays must be received on/before March 31, 2024, meeting all criteria and accompanied by this cover sheet.

Your entry (with cover sheet) can be emailed to <u>info@lakebdd.org</u> or dropped off at the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood, 8121 Deepwood Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060.

Winning entries will be announced to the public April 15, 2024. Winners will be notified prior to public announcement and media promotions.

The winning essay will receive \$200 (runner-up will receive \$100) in gift cards. Prizes are generously donated by the Deepwood Foundation.



Student Name:	Email:
Address:	_ Phone:

Age: ______ Lake County High School Attending: _____

I attest that the entry 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. I grant permission for the LCBDD to use my name and related content for marketing/media purposes in relation to my decision to participate in the essay contest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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