

CHARTACTER COUNTS! ESSAY & ARTWORK CONTEST GUIDELINES

4th Grade Students can win Savings Bonds of **\$500, \$250, \$100** and will have their entry placed in the FCE Friends Publication for a pencil drawing and story about **RESPECT**. *(this year's pillar)*



The objective of the contest is to promote ethics among children using the "Six Pillars of Character," to encourage students to improve their writing and drawing skills, to create public awareness in the achievement of students and to promote and market FCE to the community during FCE week.

Any current fourth grade student attending a public, private or home school is eligible to participate in the FCE Essay and Artwork Contest. The contest encourages students to strive for excellence in:

- Reading and writing skills
- Drawing skills
- Understanding RESPECT from the CHARACTER COUNTS! program

Dates for contest: **September 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009** with promotion announced during National FCE Week (second full week in October). One winner from Tennessee will win a \$50 savings bond from TAFCE.

Contest Guidelines:

- Entry to be done during class time
- Pencil drawing on 8 ½" X 11" unlined white paper
- 50-100 word short story explaining the drawing, handwritten or printed on lined 8 ½" by 11" notebook paper
- Entry must be signed by student
- Attach signed permission from parent or guardian to the entry

The State FCE President will mail the State Winner by March 15th each year to:

National FCE CHARTACTER COUNTS! Essay & Artwork Contest

Chairman, _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

County first place entry will be submitted to State Contest, with first place State winner forwarded to National FCE Headquarters for judging. The same judging criteria of creativity, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, content, vocabulary, presentation and handwriting/ printing are used on all levels.

First, second and third place National Winners of the Artwork/Essay Contest receive Savings Bonds of **\$500, \$250, and \$100**. The winners will be announced at the National FCE Conference. National and state winners have their drawings and stories published in a calendar, available from National FCE Headquarters (toll free) 877-712-4477. We encourage you to promote the contest with 4th grade students. Contact State and County FCE Presidents for more information, or call National FCE Headquarters at 877-712-4477 or see the web site at www.nafce.org.

This contest is held on the county level in Tennessee with one winner chosen from each county and forwarded to the State FCE President by March 1st each year.