

**MANY WILL ENTER, FEW WILL WIN. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.** The Truck Driver Appreciation Essay Contest administration and verification will be supervised by Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company. Sponsor's decisions are final and binding. Contest entries are accepted from May 1 through July 21, 2018. To be eligible, entries must be postmarked by July 21, 2018, or submitted online by 11:59 p.m. July 21, 2018. Judging will be based on originality, use of language, and creativity of child's entry highlighting the importance of the truck driver in his/her life. All entries must be the original work of the Contestant. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. Late entries will not be accepted. Judging period will be from July 21, 2018, through August 3, 2018. Winners will be notified on or before August 10, 2018. Contest void where prohibited.

**Eligibility and Entry Guidelines:**

- Contest is open to all individuals ages 19 and younger who are within the applicable school categories for the 2017-2018 school year. Contestants must be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and D.C. School group categories include:
  - Elementary School (K-4)
  - Middle School (5-8)
  - High School (9-12)
- **CONTESTANTS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MUST OBTAIN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO ENTER.**
- One entry per Contestant.
- Entry must include the Contestant's name, age, and grade level (e.g., kindergarten, first grade).
- Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company employees and their children are not eligible to enter.
- **CAUTION:** Any attempt by a Contestant to deliberately damage any web site or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws and should such an attempt be made, Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company is not responsible for technical issues or issues related to deliverability of email submissions.
- Failure to adhere to the contest rules or submission guidelines will result in disqualification from the contest.
- No purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win.

**Entry Requirements and Format:**

- Entries must be the *original and unpublished work of the child* and will not be returned.
- Illustrations may accompany writing, but we recommend only submitting them in a digital format as they cannot be returned.
- Video submissions may accompany a written or illustrated submission but will not be considered in the judging process.
- Entries will **not** be accepted if they contain:
  - Inappropriate topics.
  - Inappropriate words.
  - Inappropriate images.
  - Mean, cruel, or hateful behavior or attitudes.
  - Disrespect toward parents, authority figures, or anyone else, including other kids.
  - Violence or other dark or frightening subjects.
- This Contest is conducted in American English.

**Additional Detailed Entry Requirements by Category:**

- **Elementary School (K-4):**
  - Entries are limited to 200 words.

- Non-fictional stories and/or illustrations should be highlight how the trucker in your family is a hero to you or others.
- Entries do not have to be typed. If written by hand, entries can be scanned and sent electronically or mailed.
- **Middle School (5-8):**
  - Entries are limited to 500 words.
  - Entries must be typed.
  - Non-fictional stories should highlight how the trucker in your family is a hero to you or others.
- **High School (9-12):**
  - Entries are limited to 1,000 words.
  - Entries must be typed.
  - Non-fictional stories should highlight how the trucker in your family is a hero to you or others.

#### **Official Entry Form:**

- Contest entries are accepted from May 1 through July 21, 2018.
- Entries may be submitted electronically by emailing them to [thankyoudrivers@acuity.com](mailto:thankyoudrivers@acuity.com)
- Entries that are not submitted electronically must be mailed to and postmarked by July 21, 2018:  
 Acuity Insurance  
 Marketing Department  
 Truck Driver Appreciation Essay Contest  
 2800 S Taylor Drive  
 Sheboygan, WI 53081

#### **Judging:**

All eligible entries will be evaluated and scored by the Contest judges based on the following criteria:

- Originality and uniqueness of the story.
- Use of language relevant to the topic.
- Creativity in how ideas are expressed.

The entry with the highest total score in each category will be deemed the First Place Winner in that category. Entries with the second highest scores will be deemed Second Place Winners in each category. Entries with the third highest scores will be deemed Third Place Winners in each category. Entries with the fourth and fifth highest scores will receive Honorable Mention. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest score for originality, followed by creativity, will be deemed the winner from among all tying entries. Winners will be notified on or before August 10, 2018.

#### **Prizes by Category:**

- **Elementary School (K-4)**
  - **One (1) First Place Winner** - \$750 Check
  - **One (1) Second Place Winner** - \$500 Check
  - **One (1) Third Place Winner** - \$250 Visa Gift Card
  - **Two (2) Honorable Mention Winners** - \$100 Visa Gift Card
  - **Prize Acceptance:** Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company will use reasonable best efforts to notify the winners. In the event a winner cannot be located within five days of the judging period, the winner shall forfeit the prize and we may elect another winner. A parent or guardian must submit a completed [W-9](#) prior to winner claiming a prize; instructions can be found [here](#).
- **Middle School (5-8)**
  - **One (1) First Place Winner** - \$1,500 Check
  - **One (1) Second Place Winner** - \$1,000 Check
  - **One (1) Third Place Winner** - \$500 Check
  - **Two (2) Honorable Mention Winners** - \$100 Visa Gift Card
  - **Prize Acceptance:** Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company will use reasonable best efforts to notify the winners. In the event a winner cannot be located within five days of the judging period, the winner shall forfeit the prize and we may elect another winner. A parent or

guardian must submit a completed [W-9](#) prior to winner claiming a prize; instructions can be found [here](#).

- **High School (9-12)**
  - **One (1) First Place Winner** - \$2,500 Check
  - **One (1) Second Place Winner** - \$1,500 Check
  - **One (1) Third Place Winner** - \$1,000 Check
  - **Two (2) Honorable Mention Winners** - \$100 Visa Gift Card
  - **Prize Acceptance:** Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company will use reasonable best efforts to notify the winners. In the event a winner cannot be located within five days of the judging period, the winner shall forfeit the prize and we may elect another winner. A parent or guardian must submit a completed [W-9](#) prior to winner claiming a prize; instructions can be found [here](#).

**Applicable to All Prize Categories:**

- **Taxes:** Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state, or local taxes on winnings.
- **Winners List:** For a complete list of winners, check the website on or after August 10, 2018. If necessary, you can phone Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company to request the winners list via U.S. mail.

**Rights Associated With Contest:**

- By participating in this Contest, Contestant agrees that the Entry shall be judged per these Official Rules, and Contestant hereby binds himself/herself to these Official Rules, the Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company privacy policy, and the decisions of the judges.
- By entering this Contest, Contestant explicitly releases, discharges, and holds harmless Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company and its employees, officers, directors, and agents (collectively, the "Contest Entities"), and their successors and assigns, one and all, from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, damages, actual, incidental, or consequential claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity, including all "costs," which he/she now has or may acquire, by reason of any personal injury, death, loss of or damage to property, or any reason, occurring during or arising out of his/her participation in the Contest.
- The Contest Entities make no warranty, guarantee, or representation of any kind concerning the prizes and disclaim any implied warranty.
- The right to receive any prize is non-assignable and non-transferable and no prize substitution, extension, transfer, exchange, or cash equivalent will be allowed.
- All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.
- If any provision of this Contest shall be deemed to violate any federal, state, or municipal law, it shall be amended to conform to such law only to the extent necessary to conform to such law, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company shall not be responsible for technical, pictorial, typographical, or editorial errors or omissions in any marketing materials or these Official Rules.
- Except where prohibited by law, by participating in this Contest, Contestant agrees that:
  - All issues and questions concerning the Contest and these Official Rules shall be governed by Wisconsin law without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law of any jurisdiction.
  - Any action at law or in equity arising out of or relating to this Contest shall be filed only in the state or federal courts located in Wisconsin and Contestant hereby consents and submits to the personal jurisdiction of such courts for the purposes of litigating any such action.
  - Any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and
  - Any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with participating in this Contest, but in no event attorneys' fees; and
  - Under no circumstances will any Contestant be permitted to obtain awards for and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.

- Contestant shall not be entitled to recover any consequential, incidental, or punitive damages, and in no event attorneys' fees or costs. Some jurisdictions do not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.
- Contestant waives any right to seek to obtain equitable relief in any manner and that Contestant's sole remedy against Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company shall be limited to monetary damages at law, if any.
- Except where prohibited by law, each winner grants (and agrees to confirm this grant in writing if requested) permission for Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company and those acting under its authority to use his/her name, photograph, and/or likeness, for advertising and/or publicity purposes in any and all media now known or hereinafter invented without territorial or time limitations and without compensation. Winners may be required to complete, sign, and return an Essay Consent and Release Form within seven (7) business days of attempted notification or prize may be forfeited. Prizes won by an eligible Contestant who is a minor in his/her state of residence will require parent or legal guardian to sign and return all required documents.
- By entering, Contestant agrees to abide by the above-stated rules, and warrants that the entry is an original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use the entry materials without permission, notice, or compensation.
- By submitting an entry, each Contestant (for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) grants Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company a worldwide, nonexclusive, royalty-free, transferable license to use the entry, or any portion thereof, for Acuity's purposes. If selected as a winner, each winning Contestant (and for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) hereby grants and assigns all right, title, and interest in and to the entry to Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company and warrants that the winning Contestant (and for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) has the authority to assign such right, title, and interest. Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to edit, composite, morph, scan, duplicate, or alter the entry for any purpose that Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company deems necessary or desirable, and each Contestant (and for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) irrevocably waives any and all so-called moral rights he or she may have in the entry submitted. Each Contestant (and for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) hereby acknowledges that such winning Contestant does not reserve any rights in and to the entry.
- In the event any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each Contestant (on for individuals under 18 years old, the individual's parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with Acuity to achieve fulfillment of such formalities.
- No royalties will be paid at this or any time.

**Sponsor:** Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company, 2800 South Taylor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081