

2023 Global Voices Essay Contest Parent/Guardian Consent Form

The Global Youth Advancement Network (GYAN) at Michigan State University is happy to announce that the 2023 Global Voices Essay Contest is now open for submissions. We invite youth from specific countries in Central and Eastern Europe (see list below) to share their stories of RESILIENCE in order to raise awareness, amplify their voices, and inspire others.

- **Eligibility:** 15-24-year-old citizens from newly joined and aspiring members of the European Union (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine) or from Belarus or Russia.
- **Essay Length:** 600 - 900 words
- **Submission Language:** English

To know more about the Essay Contest including specific information about the theme and sub-themes, please visit our website: <https://globalyouth.isp.msu.edu/programs-projects/global-voices/essay-contest/call-submissions>

You (parent/guardian of the essay's writer) are being asked to complete and sign this document if the essay's writer is a minor (less than 18 years old).

This consent form allows us to know that you are aware of and consent with their participation in the 2023 Global Voices Essay Contest. All communication with the essay's writer will go through you unless you give us permission to directly contact the essay's writer.

If you agree, please complete the portion below. If you have questions about this form or about the 2023 Global Voices Essay Contest, please contact the Global Youth Advancement Network (GYAN) via email: GYANinfo@msu.edu.

DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT.

Your signature below means that the essay's writer has voluntarily agreed to participate in the 2023 Global Voices Essay Contest, that you are their parent/guardian, that you are aware of their participation, and that you have given permission for them to participate:

PRINT - Name of Essay's Writer (15-17 years old)

If confidentiality is needed for publication, please provide a pseudonym instead that we can use to protect the identity of the essay's writer.

PRINT - Name of Parent/Guardian

If confidentiality is needed for publication, please provide a pseudonym instead that we can use to protect the identity of the parent/guardian.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

You must also agree that the submitted essay may be published online and/or in print. Any proceeds will be used to advance global youth advocacy, access, and opportunity.

Yes, I agree Your Initials _____