

## Entry Form for the Cindy-Lou Who Essay-Writing Contest

Full name of student \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the theme: "What act of KINDNESS is your holiday tradition?"

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

- \* Students must be residents of Hendersonville.
- \* **Entries are due no later than Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**
- \* Entries will be judged in one category: **elementary school 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**
- \* All entries become the property of HolidayFest of Sumner County and may be used for promotional purposes.
- \* All decisions of the judging panel are final.
- \* Failure to adhere to contest guidelines may result in disqualification.

### ENTRY DROP OFF

All entries must be sent or delivered by **Thursday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** to:

**HolidayFest of Sumner County**  
**170 D Main St. PMB 240**  
**Hendersonville TN 37075**

Or CALL and we will pick them up **from the school (615-517-5714)**

Contest judging takes place on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Finalists will be notified by mail and a telephone call by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Winners will be announced at the Mayor's Tree Lighting and the writers of the winning entries will ride in the Hendersonville Parade with the Mayor. The essay will be posted on the HolidayFest website at [www.HolidayfestTN.org](http://www.HolidayfestTN.org)

### PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded to the winners in each school category for each contest:

- 1st Place \$100 and a Plaque
- 2nd Place \$50 and a Plaque
- 3rd Place \$25 and a Plaque

### ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. This official entry form must be attached to the entry.
2. Entries must be 50 to 200 words in length.
3. The essay must be typed or printed legibly/neatly on 8 1/2" x 11" paper - one side, double-spaced.

**JUDGING CRITERIA** Essay entries will be judged on:

\*Originality \*Creativity \*Neatness \*Use of Grammar \*Clarity of Message

Required – parent or legal guardian signature attesting that they understand the entries will not be returned, that judging is final, that the parent of a winner will be notified by phone on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, that winners will be publicly announced at the tree lighting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and that the winners will ride together on the float or other promotional vehicle for the essay contest.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_