

# National Essay Contest 2004

Scholarships

*Gallaudet University  
Announces the Theme  
for the  
2004 National Essay Contest  
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students:*

## **Random Acts of Kindness**

*Random*—without direction, aim, rule, or method  
*Acts*—the doing of a thing  
*Kindness*—of a sympathetic or helpful nature  
-Merriam-Webster OnLine dictionary

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First Prize—\$1,000  
Second Prize—\$500  
Third Prize—\$300  
Honorable Mention—\$100

To submit an essay, please see attached pages for contest rules and entry form, then fax or mail them to us with your essay.

**Good luck!**

For more information, visit the contest Web site at:  
<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/WorldAroundYou/essay.html>,  
or e-mail questions to: [essaycontest@gallaudet.edu](mailto:essaycontest@gallaudet.edu).

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### The Theme

The theme of this year's essay contest is "*random acts of kindness*." For this essay contest, teens are encouraged to write about random acts of kindness in their lives—whether as the giver or the receiver—or to write about a time when they were both.

### Prizes

- **Scholarships:**

**\$1,000 first place**

**\$500 second place**

**\$300 third place**

**\$100 two honorable mentions**

All scholarship awards will be DOUBLED for winners who choose to attend Gallaudet University. (They may be more than doubled depending on other information provided by the applying student.)

- *Douglas Tilden: The Man and His Legacy*, by Mildred Albronda, a book about the famous deaf sculptor, will be awarded to all place winners and their teachers.
- All contest participants will receive certificates of meritorious entry.

### Procedures

- All entries will be coded and evaluated anonymously.
- Entries may be screened by a committee prior to judging.
- Winners will be announced and winning entries will be printed in *World Around You*.

### Rules

- Entrants must be no older than 19 years old and no younger than 15 years old.
- Entrants must be deaf or hard of hearing. Hearing loss must be bilateral and verifiable.
- *Four* copies of each entry and one entry form must be submitted through the U.S. mail, or dropped off at the *World Around You* office.
- *One* copy of each entrant's photograph is required.
- Entries must be at least one page and no more than 1,000 words.
- Entries must be typed and doubled spaced.
- **Entries must be in *World Around You*'s office or post-marked by February 11, 2004.**
- Entrants may submit multiple entries, but they may only earn one award.
- Late entries will be RETURNED, unless extenuating circumstances are accounted for before the deadline. We hate doing this, but we feel it is only fair to other contestants.
- Our judges' decision is final.
- All entries become the property of Gallaudet University; they may be published in any format.

### How to Enter

*Fill out the entry form on the back of this page. Attach it to the four copies of your essay along with a recent color photo of yourself, and then mail it to:*

Gallaudet National Essay Contest  
Clerc Center, KDES PAS-6  
Gallaudet University  
800 Florida Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002-3695

### For More Information

E-mail questions to: [essaycontest@gallaudet.edu](mailto:essaycontest@gallaudet.edu), or check out the essay contest Web site: <http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/WorldAroundYou/essay.html>.

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Entry Form

*Random Acts of Kindness*  
(Please print in CAPITAL LETTERS):

**TITLE OF WORK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ —TTY — Voice  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ —TTY —Voice  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ —TTY —Voice  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission:**

I am aware that this contest is for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. I affirm that this entry is by a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, and give permission to him/her/myself (if 18 or older) to enter the Gallaudet National Essay Contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian/Self

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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