



**Official Guidelines for the Link Institute
and *YouthWorker Journal* Essay Contest**

- Contest is open to all current high school juniors and seniors.
- All submissions must be the original work of the student.
- Scripture may be used in the content with appropriate reference citations.
- Quotes from other sources may be used minimally, but must include proper footnote or endnote citations, including all bibliographic information.
- All essays should be double-spaced, computer generated, and printed.
- **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME DIRECTLY ON THE MANUSCRIPT**
- Manuscripts must be accompanied by both a signed entry form and a completed questionnaire.
- Manuscripts will not be returned.
- Entries must be mailed or sent via UPS or FedEx. Faxed entries will not be accepted.
- Upon submission, the student is granting publishing rights for their essay to both Huntington University and *YouthWorker Journal*.
- Winners will be announced by April 1st on the Huntington Web site and via email or standard post.

The essay should be 1,200-1,500 words, addressing the theme:

Reaching My Generation for Christ

You may interpret the theme however you choose. Keep in mind that this is an essay contest and not a research paper assignment. First person narrative is welcome.

Remember:

- Submit your essay
- Include a completed and signed entry form.
- If you are a legal minor, the form should also contain the signature of your parent or legal guardian.
 - Include a completed questionnaire.

**Official Entry Form for the Link Institute
and YouthWorker Journal Essay Contest**

Name:

Birthdate: __-__-____

Street Address, city, state, and zip code:

Phone number:

Email address:

Church or youth ministry with which you are affiliated:

How did you hear about this contest?

By my signature, I affirm that I have read the official guidelines and certify that this essay is my original work. I also understand that my manuscript will not be returned and I grant permission for my essay to be published by Huntington University and YouthWorker Journal.

Signature:

If you are a legal minor, you must also obtain the signature of your parent or legal guardian.

Signature of parent or legal guardian:

Submit your manuscript, entry form, and completed questionnaire to:

**Link Institute Essay Contest
Huntington University
2303 College Avenue
Huntington, Indiana
46750**

All submissions must be postmarked by January 31st. Include essay, signed entry form, and completed questionnaire.

Essay Questionnaire

Do not put your name on this page.

Read each statement carefully and then rate your level of agreement by circling the appropriate number.

1. I can remember a specific time in my life when I committed my life to Christ and became a Christian.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

2. Since becoming a Christian, I have publicly rededicated my life to Christ.

- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Unsure

3. I became a Christian...

- 4= Before the age of 7
- 3= Between the ages of 7 and 12
- 2= As a teenager
- 1= Unsure when I became a Christian

4. I have a stronger relationship with Christ than I did as a child.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

5. It is possible to be a Christian without having a specific "conversion experience."

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

6. Most people who come to faith in Christ do so when they are teenagers.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

7. It is the responsibility of all Christians to share their faith with non-Christians.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

8. It isn't necessary to share the Gospel with words as long as you are sharing God's love through actions.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

9. I actively look for opportunities to share my faith.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

10. It is illegal for students to share their faith at school.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

11. My church or youth ministry encourages us to share our faith with non-believers.

- 4= Strongly Agree
- 3= Agree
- 2= Disagree
- 1= Strongly Disagree

12. I know how to share the Gospel with non-believers.

4= Strongly Agree

3= Agree

2= Disagree

1= Strongly Disagree

13. How often do you shared your faith with others?

5= All the time

4= Frequently

3= Occasionally

2= Rarely

1= Never

14. How often do you invite friends to church or youth group activities?

5= All the time

4= Frequently

3= Occasionally

2= Rarely

1= Never

14. How often are students invited to come to faith in Christ at your church or youth group? (select one)

Every time we meet

Weekly

Monthly

Only on special occasions, such as camps or retreats

Can't remember the last time

Never

15. Who played the most significant role in helping you come to faith in Christ?

My father

My mother

- A grandparent
- A brother or sister
- A relative other than my immediate family or grandparents
- A friend my age
- An adult friend
- A school teacher
- A coach
- A youth minister
- A Sunday School teacher
- A pastor
- Other: (explain) _____

15. Please complete the following:
I would share my faith with others more often if