



Berks HOPE Literary Contest

Win a \$50 - \$500 Amazon Gift Card

Prizes will be awarded to those in three age groups: 13 – 15, 16 - 18, and 19 - 22.

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| - 1st Prize: | \$500 Amazon Gift Card |
| - 2nd Prize: | \$300 Amazon Gift Card |
| - 3rd Prize: | \$150 Amazon Gift Card |
| - Honorable Mention: | \$50 Amazon Gift Card |

Individuals ages 23+ are welcome to participate in the project by submitting entries for inclusion in program materials, but are not be eligible for prizes.

Winners and their families will be invited to a special celebration event in March 2018.

Contest runs from October 2nd to November 15th, 2017.

This event is sponsored by Berks HOPE (Helping Others/Providing Expertise)

Berks HOPE is a consortium of local and nationally renowned addiction experts and concerned community members dedicated to making the resources for fighting addiction more accessible. Berks HOPE members include the Berks County District Attorney's Office, Caron Treatment Centers, Common Ground Recovery Ministry, Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA), Easy Does It, Embrace the Challenge, Reading Health System, Treatment Access Services Center Inc. (TASC), Berks County Medical Society and the Reading School District.

Contest Rules and Information

- Participants must live in Berks County to be eligible to participate.
- Submissions will be judged according to three age groups: (13–15), (16-18), and (19–22).
- Essays should be approximately 500 words and focus on the theme of, “When I Hear Addiction, I See Hope.”
- Deadline for submissions (online or postmarked) is November 15, 2017.
- Entries cannot contain vulgar or inappropriate language.
- Winning entries will be recognized in Berks HOPE press materials.
- Contest entries will not be returned and become the property of Berks HOPE for use in addiction and recovery advocacy efforts. Authors may choose to remain anonymous.
- Entries must include a signed release form. Submissions from minors (under 18) must include the signature of a parent or guardian.
- Winners will be notified by December 13, 2017.

Judging

- Judges will include representatives from the Berks HOPE committee and the Berks County community.
- Categories of judging will include:
 - Illustrates a sense of hope and adheres to theme
 - Communication of feelings/story
 - Attention to syntax, grammar, spelling, and punctuation
 - Quality of writing (style, clarity, and flow)

Prizes

- Age groups are (13–15), (16-18), and (19–22), based on age as of submission.
- One 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, as well as an Honorable Mention prize, will be awarded to in each age group.
- Prizes are: 1st Prize - \$500 Amazon Gift Card, 2nd Prize - \$300 Amazon Gift Card, 3rd Prize - \$150 Amazon Gift Card, and Honorable Mention - \$50 Amazon Gift Card.

Submission Information

- Entries can be submitted online at www.caron.org/BerksHOPEContest or mailed to Berks Hope Contest, C/O Caron, P.O. Box 150, Wernersville, PA 19565.
- Entries must include:
 - Name
 - Age (as of submission)
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Email address
- Submissions from minors (under 18) must include the release form below, signed by a parent or guardian. Release forms may also be found at www.caron.org/BerksHOPEcontest.

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Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

Address (include street, city and zip) _____

Email Address _____ Age _____

If under 18 please provide:

Parent / Guardian Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

I hereby consent that my submission to the Berks HOPE Literary Contest becomes the property of Berks HOPE under the custodianship of Caron Treatment Centers. Submissions will not be returned and may be used for the purpose of advocacy, publication, promotion, illustration, and advertising in connection with Berks HOPE.

Signature _____ Parent/Guardian (if applicable) _____