

Essay rules and guidelines:

City School

Research the justice system and how the courts work.
Write a well thought out and well-written 250 word essay
based on "What Justice Means to Me"

- One entry per student, per school
- Grades 6,7,8 and 9th ONLY
- Students must have at least 90% attendance at school—
no more than two missed days a month.
- Parental consent is required

Type or print your responses on the back of this form and complete ALL
parts. You must provide clear and accurate contact information (phone num-
ber and email addresses)

Deadline for entry: Monday, January 20, 2020

Top 12 essay winners will present their essays at the Hall of Justice in the
Spring 2020 and receive prizes (iPads or Nooks, gift cards, etc.) and an oppor-
tunity to be mentored by members of the Rochester Black Bar Association and
Court Leaders. Student Information (Please print clearly)

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School Grade

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PARENTS SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) Date

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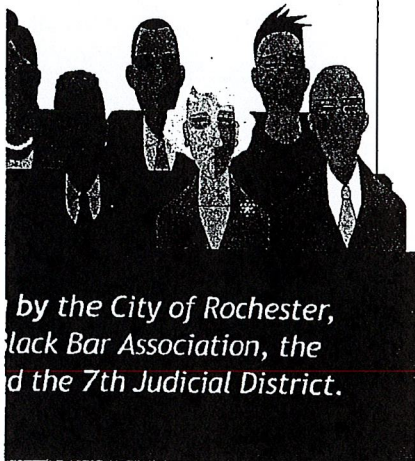
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participation and selection.



What Does Justice Mean To Me?

By: Sarah Adams

When I hear the word justice, the words "for all" usually follow. I grew up in a family full of activists who dedicate their lives to gaining justice for every race, gender, religion, or age. For me, justice means equality and fairness. Justice means that regardless of who you are, you're just as valued and have all of the same opportunities.

Being born and raised in Rochester, I quickly learned that anything making you different makes you a target. I am a target in my own city, simply because I am a student of color.

We have been waiting on our Foundation Aid for almost a decade. This is an example of the lack of justice in Rochester. While the RCSD is in a \$30,000,000 deficit, suburban schools nearby are receiving money to enhance their athletic programs. It is my constitutional right to have a sound and basic education. But, how am I supposed to receive an adequate education without the eighty-six million that is owed to the RCSD from NYS? Governor Cuomo has failed to provide Rochester its aid, showing me that my education is not a priority. This shows that there's a lack of justice for public schools and the students who attend them. It's difficult to answer this question after experiencing a cycle of injustices. Hopefully the next generation of students who are asked a question like this, can say that they live in a city, as well as nation that exhibits justice for all.