



Hackensack
Meridian Health



OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

PRESENTS

Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict

Provided by the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association

Writing and Art Contest

Thank you for participating in our Opioid Abuse Prevention Program. After viewing the presentation all students are now asked to submit one entry from any of the following categories for a chance to win a contest award! One winner will be chosen from each school. The award will be presented at a special event to be held at bergenPAC in Englewood, New Jersey in the spring of 2021.

Students interested in the visual arts are able to create a piece that creatively expresses some of the feelings and thoughts that come up while watching this presentation. Students are encouraged to submit their best work in any medium of their choosing (traditional or digital). The piece can be a drawing, painting, sculpture, or anything you think creatively conveys your thoughts and feelings on the opioid epidemic.

Students also have the option to pick one of the three essay prompts below to help creatively connect with the film presentation. The essay should be a page long and fully answer the topic. Poetry entries will also be accepted, which should express what this program means to you.

Essay Prompt 1:

Do you know someone personally who struggles with opioid addiction? If so, how has this affected them, you, and your relationship? Based on the information you have seen in the video presentation, what would you do to offer them help? *For privacy reasons, please make up names and identities and do not use real names.*

Essay Prompt 2:

Take one of the stories from the video "Chasing the Dragon," and complete his/her story. Your essay should include the experiences from the video as well as extra information that you write as fiction. For example, write about Cory and what he was like when he was younger than he appears in the video, and/or what his life is like now after the video.

Essay Prompt 3:

On slide 8 of the PowerPoint, there is a list of stimulants. Choose ONE of those listed and research the effects and potential dangers of the drug. Be sure to include a works cited page.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- All entries should be submitted by email to Info.ChasingTheDragon@gmail.com.
- Each submission must include: Student's First and Last Name, School Name, Grade, and Teacher's Name.
- All Essay/Poetry entries should be received in PDF format. Visual Arts Entries can be submitted by sending a PDF, photo, or video.
- For any questions please email Info.ChasingTheDragon@gmail.com.

All submissions must be received no later than February 5th, 2021.