

Student Open Letter Contest

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What's bothering you? Who could do something about it? What could you say to them that would persuade them to care, or to make change?

In our new contest, we invite students to respond to those questions by writing an open letter -- a published letter of protest or appeal usually addressed to an individual, group or institution but intended for the general public.

Your open letter should:



Focus on an issue that matters to you.



Address a specific audience.



Issue a call for action or reflection.



Persuade readers with examples and evidence.



Be written as a letter with a strong sense of voice.

Contest Rules

- This contest is open to students ages 13 to 19 in middle or high school anywhere in the world.
- Your submission must be 460 words or fewer.
- Your open letter must draw on at least one Times source and one reliable non-Times source. Cite all sources.
- Students may work together for this contest; however, each student may submit only one entry.
- The deadline for this contest is May 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time.



Visit the [contest page](#) to see the full guidelines and submit.