

# Gilda's Club Westchester Teen Essay Contest "Cancer: Tales Untold"

## Tell Your Story

A cancer diagnosis can unleash a storm of emotions, questions, and unexpected discoveries, not just for the person with cancer, but for the whole family, and even their friends. Sharing your experience can be both good for you and helpful to someone else who may be in a similar situation. We are looking for honest, detailed, and heartfelt personal essays by young writers who can move the reader by sharing their experience with cancer.

*Essay topics may include:*

*Living with cancer  
Loving someone (family member or friend) who lived with cancer  
Losing someone to cancer*

*Please see reverse for more information and entry instructions.*

**All participants are invited to attend  
our annual  
Teen Recognition Ceremony on  
May 5, 2019**



Gilda's Club Westchester is a FREE cancer support community for men, women, children and teens impacted by cancer in any way. For more information, please call 914.644.8844 or visit our website: [www.gildasclubwestchester.org](http://www.gildasclubwestchester.org).

**Thank you to our  
special guest judges:**

***Dylan Pyne***

Dir. of Leadership Gifts  
Delta Tau Delta  
Educational Fdn

***Heidi Reiger,***

***LMSW***

Engaged Citizen

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of this event.

**Prizes:**

**1st Place: \$500**

**2nd Place: \$250**

**Peer Award: \$250**



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*Gilda's Club Westchester*  
*Teen Essay Contest*  
**“Cancer: Tales Untold”**

**Contest Details**

1. The deadline for completed essays is the close of business on March 22, 2019. Any essay that is submitted via mail must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2019.
2. Student must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.
3. Student must live in one of the following counties: Westchester (NY), Rockland (NY), Southern Fairfield (CT).
4. Each student may submit one essay per year.
5. The essay must be the work of a single student and authored by the student.
6. Essay length must fall within the following limits: 500-2000 words.
7. No purchase or obligation required.

All essays are evaluated in a fair and anonymous multi-round judging process. Key areas of judging are:  
Personal voice: Judges will be looking for an interesting and engaging essay told in your own words. The essay should describe your experience and an overall message about how your experience impacted your life.  
Clarity and style: Judges will look for a clear and consistent focus in your writing and a logical progression of ideas. Good grammar, accurate word choices and correct punctuation and sentence structure should be used.

**To send your essay through our website, please go to:**  
**[www.gildasclubwestchester.org/programs/children-teens-families](http://www.gildasclubwestchester.org/programs/children-teens-families)**

**To send your essay by mail, please complete this form and send attached with your essay to:**

Gilda's Club Westchester  
Attn: Teen Essay Contest  
80 Maple Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

If I win, please notify me by: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)



*In this together. Learn. Share. Laugh.*