DECISION MAKING

DESCRIPTION

Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) students belong to the Montana Career Association (MCA). Each JMG class represents a unique MCA chapter. Individual JMG students will demonstrate their comprehension of decision making principles through writing an analytical essay based on a provided scenario in which they must make and then support their decision.

PURPOSE

Provide JMG students an opportunity to showcase their skills and understanding of decision making principles and process.

ELIGIBILITY

JMG students in grades 10 and 11, with current Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) eNDMS rosters as verified by JMG state staff.

ENTRIES

Maximum of two entries per grade (10 & 11), for a total of four possible entries per chapter.

OBSERVERS

Observers are not permitted in this competitive event.

COMPETITIVE EVENT TIMELINE

Decision Making essays will be post marked on or before the JMG registration deadline, or the PDF file of the essay may be sent to your Program Manager. The specific date will be set and communicated to Career Specialists each year.

EVENT RULES

1. The JMG state office will provide the same scenario to all competitors.

2. Student competitors will cite their references and submit an essay adhering to the following requirements:

   - **Cover Page with:**
     - Student Name
     - School Name, School Year
     - Decision Making Event Submission

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- **Analytical Essay format:**
  - Introduction
  - Supporting Paragraphs: Summary and Critique (appropriate topic/transition sentences)
  - Conclusion
- **Typed**
- **Double spaced**
- **12-point font (recommended Times New Roman)**
- **Maximum of 3 pages**
- **1-inch margins**
- **Free of spelling, grammatical, and structural errors**

3. Decision Making event submissions will be judged based on the criteria in the scoring sheet.

4. The "Points Possible" column on the score sheet indicates the maximum number of points available for each section. It is appropriate to record "Points Achieved" in a range from 0 to the maximum number.

5. Judges' decisions are final.

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