



# Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

*Invites you to participate in the*

## ***2017 Inclusion Awards Essay Contest***

*“Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to creating a Maine in which all people are valued and respected because we believe communities are stronger when everyone is included.”*

The MDDC Inclusion Awards provide awards to schools, teachers, and high school students who demonstrate an exceptional concept of a world in which all people are valued members of the community.

The 2017 Essay Contest asks students to respond to the question:

**How does the full inclusion of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in all aspects of community life (school, work, recreation, etc.) benefit the community and its members?**

**Open to:** High school Juniors and Seniors residing in Maine.

**Entry Deadline:** February 15, 2017 at midnight EST

### **Awards:**

First Place	\$1,000
Second Place	\$750
Third Place	\$500
Honorable Mention	\$250
Teacher of the student awarded first place	\$500
School with the highest percentage of eligible students submitting essays	\$2,500

### **Essay Requirements**

- Each individual can submit up to 3 essays.
- Essays must be double spaced, be in Times New Roman or Arial font set at 12 pt or higher, and not exceed six pages in length.
- Essays must be submitted in text format, however this can be generated through any means including any appropriate assistive technology (AT).

### **Essay Submissions**

- Entrants must include an official entry form for each essay that is submitted.
- Entries are to be submitted either:
  - Electronically to: [maineddcom@gmail.com](mailto:maineddcom@gmail.com) or
  - By mail to: Maine Developmental Disabilities Council,  
225 Western Ave, Suite 4, Augusta, ME 04330

**For more information and full contest rules,  
visit [www.maineddc.org](http://www.maineddc.org) or email [erin.howes@maine.gov](mailto:erin.howes@maine.gov)**