Contest Theme: “It could be me. It could be you.”

Human Trafficking, known as modern day slavery, is making a person work or sell themselves by threats, physical or psychological force, fraud or coercion, and includes the forced labor or sexual exploitation of children. The FBI identified the San Francisco Bay Area as a hot spot for human trafficking in the United States.

Eligibility: The contest is open to middle and high school students attending public, private, or home schools in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area.

Contest Rules:
• Writing must not exceed 500 words.
• Original writing ONLY (no previously written or published materials).
• The document can be printed, typed or written legibly (illegible submissions will be rejected).
• Writing can be completed by an individual or in groups of up to 3 members.
• Limit of one entry per student or group.
• The contest theme “It could be me. It could be you.” must be addressed in the writing itself.
• The submitted writing will be judged for its compelling message and originality.

Submission: Personally deliver or mail or email the entry to:

SFCAHT Writing Contest
c/o San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
2000 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 411, San Francisco, CA 94109

2016teencontest@gmail.com
Subject Line: “2016 Teen writing contest: [Student Name(s)]”

Deadline: Entries of original writing must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered.

Winners will be recognized by SF officials at the Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign Closing Event Feb. 10, 2016 at the Koret Auditorium, San Francisco Library. Details to be announced at www.sfcaht.org.

1st prize: $500
2nd prize: $200
3rd prize: $50

Questions? Contact: Rose Mukhar, Teen Contest Committee Chair, SFCAHT
Email: 2016teencontest@gmail.com; Telephone: 650.995.4893
ENTRY FORM

Student name(s) (first, last)

School name

Grade & Age

Parent/Guardian name (first, last)

Parent/Guardian email address

Parent/Guardian phone number

Parent/Guardian mailing address

Release/Waiver

By signing this form, I ______________________________ hereby give permission to publish the name, school, grade, and age of the student submitting writing to the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking for the specific purpose of publicizing winners of the 2016 writing contest. In giving my consent, I hereby release and hold harmless the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking for any and all responsibility or liability related to the writing. I understand that no compensation will be paid for the writing and that the original writing will not be returned. I have read this agreement and understand it.

Student Name(s) (print): ______________________________

Parent/Guardian Name (print): ______________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________

This signed entry form must accompany the writing submission for the writing to be considered.