Money Smart Kid Essay Contest.

In support of Money Smart Week® for DeKalb, LaSalle and Lee Counties, the students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to answer this year’s Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay.

Prizes include; $75 for 1st place, $50 for 2nd place, $25 for 3rd place
A special Pizza Party for the classroom of the student that won 1st prize, recognition for every student that entered a qualifying essay in the contest and curriculum resources for all teachers that submit student essays.

2018 Money Smart Kid Essay Question
Please write a brief newspaper article describing the potential devastating effects of a natural disaster (fire, flood, hurricane, etc.) on a family’s financial situation. Please select only one type of natural disaster for the focus of your article. Be sure to include tips and resources for readers to help prepare them for a potential future unexpected crises.

Timeline
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  Essay Submission Deadline (postmarked)
Week of April 16, 2018  Winners Announced

Guidelines
Candidates Must:
1. Be a student in grades 6-8
2. Have knowledge of money management skills (decision-making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level
3. Be able to respond to questions from business leaders and media
4. Be articulate – able to speak in front of large groups
5. Live in DeKalb, LaSalle, or Lee County

To Apply
1. Student must be recommended by a teacher or parent using the attached form.
2. Student must write an essay (300 words or less) on the assigned topic.
3. Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced. The Money Smart Kid Application Form must be attached to the essay pages.
4. The essay must be solely the work of the student submitting the essay.
5. The application form must be signed by the teacher and a parent/guardian.
6. The essay and application should be turned into your classroom teacher or mailed to:
   Money Smart Kid DeKalb County
   Kishwaukee United Way
   115 N. 1st St., DeKalb, IL 60115
   Or email: tamara@kishwaukeeunitedway.com
   For more information call 815-756-7522.

All essays become the property of the Money Smart Committee and may be used to promote financial literacy.
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Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, sign the form as indicated, and attach it to the front of the essay. For more information, contact Tamara Newquist, Kishwaukee United Way, (815)756-7522 or tamara@kishwaukeeunitedway.com

Application

Student Name ___________________________________________ Age ___________ Grade ___________

School ________________________________________________________________

School Address _______________________________________________________

City _________________________ Zip _________________________ Phone ___________

Home Address _________________________________________________________

City _________________________ Zip _________________________ Phone ___________

Teacher _____________________________________________________________

Phone _________________________ Email _____________________________

(not required for home-schooled children)

Parent/Guardian _______________________________________________________

Email _______________________________________________________________

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I vouch that the attached essay is fully the work of _______________________________________________ (Printed Student Name)

(Teacher Signature, if applicable) _______________________________________________ (Date)

and I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2018, including consent to release photos and personal information for media and promotional purposes.

(Parent/Guardian Signature –REQUIRED) ___________________________________________ (Date)