



Official Entry Form

Deadline: Postmarked by August 1st, 2012

Notification Letters: Mailed on October 1st, 2012

Teen Wise National Essay Contest

The next book for publication will be titled *I've Been Teen Wised!: The Testimonial Essays*. This book will contain real-life personal essays from preteens and teenagers that depict the use of Self-Serving Strategies in a situation that may have otherwise been influenced negatively. However, negative experiences may also be considered if the entrant knew about the concept, but chose not to use it.

If you have experienced a positive outcome by practicing Self-Serving Strategies, or a negative result because you didn't, and would like to submit an entry for consideration, please follow the official rules stated below:

Non-compliance with **ALL** of these rules will result in an automatic disqualification of submission.

- ★ Qualifying participants will have read *Teen Wise* and be students in the sixth through twelfth grade levels at the time of entry submission.

Please use the following format:

- ★ Typed using 12 pt. Font only
- ★ 2 page minimum, 3 page maximum
- ★ No Profanity or Swearing (*use substitute words*)
- ★ Use a small one inch GOLD Paperclip to fasten pages together (*Entries with YELLOW paper clips will be disqualified*)
- ★ Double Spaced
- ★ No Staples or Folding
- ★ Mail Hard Copy in 9 x 12 envelope ONLY (*Any Color*)

Please answer **ALL** of the following questions in essay form. Please describe in detail.

For Positive Outcomes using Self-Serving Strategies Correctly:

- ★ What was the situation and who was involved?
Names can be changed or written in general terms.
Example: a friend, principal, person, people, etc.
- ★ What was your decision? Why?
- ★ What was the outcome?
- ★ Is there an example in *Teen Wise* that is similar to your personal story? If so, please state the chapter, example number, and topic title (*located in the table of contents*) in your essay. If not, then disregard.
- ★ How did learning the Self-Serving Strategies concept help you?
- ★ With this experience, did you acquire the power of self-definition?
- ★ Will you recommend *Teen Wise* to your friends and peers? Why or why not?

For Negative Outcomes not using Self-Serving Strategies, but the concept was known:

- ★ What was the situation and who was involved?
Names can be changed or written in general terms.
Example: a friend, principal, person, people, etc.
- ★ What was your decision? Why?
- ★ What was the outcome?
- ★ Is there an example in *Teen Wise* that is similar to your personal story? If so, please state the chapter, example number, and topic title (*located in the table of contents*) in your essay. If not, then disregard.
- ★ Do you think using Self-Serving Strategies in the future may help you?
- ★ What did you learn from this experience?
- ★ Will you recommend *Teen Wise* to your friends and peers? Why or why not?

- ★ Please Note: If your entry is chosen for publication in *I've Been Teen Wised!: The Testimonial Essays*, a notification letter with a permission form will be mailed to your parent(s) or guardian(s).



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Please print

Name: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade Level: _____

Mailing Address: _____

CityStateZip

Phone#: (_____) _____ - _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name(s): _____
*Please Print

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature(s): _____

Address (if different from yours): _____

CityStateZip

How did you hear about the **Teen Wise National Essay Contest**?

Directions:

Print-out this official entry form, fill it out, place it on top of your essay entry, and attach it with the small GOLD paper clip and mail it in a 9 x 12 envelope to:

**Teen Wise
Testimonial Essays
P.O. Box 10097
Honolulu, HI 96816**