



Washington's Kaleidoscope

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Who Are We? Writing, Art & Film Contest 2016

Who are we? is a project that documents the lives of diverse Washingtonians. It strives to better our understanding of the place we call home. Our state is made up of independent and innovative people who persevere against long odds. Who ARE we? Where do we come from? Who do we become?

This important project includes a series of online profiles and an interactive exhibit opening in August inside the State Capitol Building. The exhibit features compelling photographs, little-known facts and personal artifacts. It will eventually travel to museums around the state.

Contest Details:

Legacy Washington is sponsoring an art, writing and film contest for 6-12th grade students in Washington State. The contest runs from Sept. 7 to Nov. 30 of 2016. We invite educators to participate in this special opportunity. Through the **Who are we?** project, young people will explore the question of who they are and who they hope to become. This exploration and analysis can be unveiled in multiple creative formats including writings, film projects or 2-dimensional art.

A panel of judges will choose and announce a winner from each category early in 2017 (for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12). Winners will be invited to a ceremony in the Secretary of State's Office where they will be presented with a special certificate and a gift card. Winning pieces will also be posted on the Secretary of State's website, featured in SOS publications and appear alongside the **Who are We?** exhibit.

Contest Rules:

The contest is open to Washington State students in grades 6-12. Writers, artists and filmmakers are encouraged to participate and explore the question of who they are and/or who they hope to become.

Writers:

- May submit letters, essays, or poetry.
- Must submit entries no more than 1000 words.

Artists:

- Must submit original "flat/two dimensional" pieces no larger than 18" x 24."
- Must include an artist statement of no more than 100 words.

Filmmakers:

- Must submit pieces no more than 3 minutes.
- Must include citations for any references.

All participants:

- Should not use copyrighted material without permission and proper citation.
- Should include: student name, teacher name, school name, grade and school district.

- Must fill out a contest form (attached) and follow submission guidelines.
- **Must submit their work by November 30, 2016.**

For questions or additional information please contact Laura Mott, laura.mott@sos.wa.gov or (360) 902-4171.

For information about the contest including contest entry form:

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/who-are-we/competition.aspx>

To view profiles of the **Who Are We?** project:

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/who-are-we/>

About Legacy Washington

Legacy Washington documents extraordinary stories in Washington history. This collaborative venture, spearheaded by Secretary of State Kim Wyman, relies on original sources at the Washington State Library, the Washington State Archives and heritage organizations across the state. The work of Legacy Washington can be found in libraries across the country and in heritage organizations and schools statewide.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/>

Writing, Art & Film Contest Entry Form



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Who Are We? Writing, Art & Film Contest September 7 – November 30, 2016

Win!!

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Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Title: _____

Teacher: _____ School/School District: _____

Three ways to enter:

- Email your entry as an attachment (include name, address, phone number, school and teacher) to info@sos.wa.gov. **Film entrants**, please email link to your film.
- Turn in your submission and entry form to the Office of the Secretary of State (416 Sid Snyder SW, Room 250, Olympia, 98501)
- Mail your submission and entry form to: Legacy Washington, Office of the Secretary of State, PO Box 40222, Olympia, WA 98504
- For more information email info@sos.wa.gov or call (360) 902-4171

Your name may appear on the Legacy Washington website and/or in other media.

