

**\$100 CASH PRIZE OFFERED  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Best Essay on "Safety on the Public Highway" to Bring Fine Sum**

A cash prize of \$100 is being offered to the high school student, regularly enrolled in a North Carolina public or private school for white children who writes the best essay on, "Safety on the Public Highway." The prize will be given by Traveler's Protective Association.

The following rules govern the contest.

1. Any student, regularly enrolled in any public or private high school for white children in North Carolina in the fall of 1924, is eligible to enter the contest. In case of dispute the state superintendent of public instruction shall determine whether or not the contestant is entitled to enter.

2. All manuscripts shall be plainly typewritten one side of the paper and the manuscript itself shall bear no mark to indicate its authorship. Each manuscript, however, is to be accompanied by a sealed envelope in which shall be the name of the applicant and the postoffice address. This envelope shall also contain a statement from the principal or superintendent of the high school certifying that the contestant is a bona fide student of the institution.

3. All manuscripts shall be forwarded to the state superintendent of public instruction, Raleigh, N. C., postmarked not later than January 1, 1925. Each envelope which the manuscript is mailed shall be marked plainly on the outside "Highway Safety Contest." The state superintendent shall number the manuscripts consecutively as they are received and the same number placed on the envelope containing the name and credentials of the contestant. This envelope shall remain sealed in the office of the state superintendent and only the numbered manuscripts forwarded to the judges. The identity of the contestant selected, will therefore, be unknown until the sealed envelope carrying the winning number is opened.

4. The state superintendent shall appoint a committee of three disinterested parties, who shall be able to judge the essays both from the standpoint of literary merit and appropriateness to safety on the highways. The judges shall read the essays and report the winning number to the state superintendent.

5. No essay shall contain more than 2,500 words.

6. A cash prize of \$100 furnished by the Travelers Protective association, will be forwarded to the success-

contestant within 30 days after the judges render their decision.

7. A list of the names of all contestants, together with their schools and postoffice addresses, will be sent by the state superintendent at the close of the contest to the Travelers Protective association.

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