

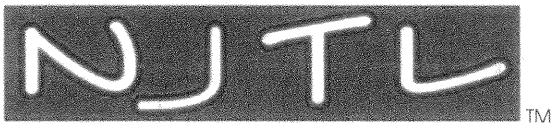
## ARTHUR ASHE ESSAY

By Ryan Kros, Age 8

My name is Ryan and I play tennis. I learned about Arthur Ashe by reading a book at school for an essay. Arthur Ashe was one of the best players of all time. He had a lot of frustration because he couldn't beat Jimmy Connors, but one day he beat him and became number one in the world. I try to be like Arthur Ashe by not giving up when playing against tough opponents. I played my first tournament called the "Little Mo." I had some tough matches, but I didn't give up and I was a finalist.

Arthur Ashe had a lot of self-discipline by working hard at tennis and practicing a lot. I also work very hard by playing almost every day and going to tennis summer camp. I meet with my coach in the morning before school starts, and sometimes I am late to school. Even though I miss some school, I work hard to make up my work. I get very good grades like Arthur Ashe. Arthur Ashe's parents wouldn't let him play tennis without good grades, and my parents have the same rules.

Arthur Ashe changed the lives of blacks in many sports because he played tennis which people considered a white sport. By having confidence, he showed that blacks and whites are equal. I try to be like him by showing good sportsmanship. I don't brag to make my opponents mad or sad, and I try to make fair calls on shots I am not sure of. I try to have confidence even when I am playing against older kids. I learned from Arthur Ashe that everybody has the right to do what they want and it doesn't matter what religion they are or what color skin they have.



# THE 2008 ARTHUR ASHE ESSAY and ART CONTEST

**Enter and you could win a trip to New York City for Arthur Ashe Kids' Day!**

Arthur Ashe was an American hero fighting battles both on and off the court. In his life, he broke barriers in the tennis world, becoming a three time grand slam champion, and the first African American male to win a grand slam tournament. Off the court, he was a social activist taking on issues like racial prejudice, AIDS, apartheid, and youth education. One of his many legacies includes the National Junior Tennis League ("NJTL"), a network of youth serving organizations that provides tennis and education for all. His wish was for NJTL to be a resource for kids to develop skills for leadership and academic excellence. As a participant at one of the 520 NJTLs across the country, we want to hear what Arthur Ashe means to you.



Arthur Ashe (1943—1993)  
NJTL Co-Founder

*For every hour spent on the playing field, two should be spent with a book.—Arthur Ashe*

**"How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?"**

**Eligibility:** You must be 18 years of age and under to participate. You must play tennis at a local NJTL chapter or program. Visit [www.usta.com/njtl](http://www.usta.com/njtl) for more information.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to USTA/Sectional winners and USTA/National winners. Judges will select ten (10) names from the pool of Sectional winners—one (1) boy and one (1) girl from each age group. Each of the ten (10) National essay winners, along with one parent or guardian, will win a trip to New York Aug. 22-24 and will be guests at the 2008 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess on Aug. 23. All other winners will receive a plaque from USTA/NJTL.

*See reverse side for complete rules.*

**Deadline:** Submissions, along with completed entry form, must be received no later than **July 10, 2008** (Arthur Ashe's birthday).

**1) Write and Win (ages 18 and under)**

Answer the question "How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?" in one written page or less and you could be one of ten (10) national winners who win the grand prize: A trip to New York City to be a VIP at Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess, attend a baseball game, see a Broadway show, take a boat tour around New York City, and receive a special award at a luncheon held in your honor.

**OR**

**2) Draw and Win (ages 12 and under)**

Draw a picture or create artwork of your response to the question "How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?" and win a plaque in your honor. Express yourself, be creative, but remember artwork must be 2-dimensional and no larger than poster board size. Artwork will not be returned.

## Arthur Ashe Essay and Art Contest Entry Form (print clearly)

First Name RYAN Last Name KROS

Boy  Girl  Birth Date JULY 2, 1999

Address 9120 SANTAYANA DR.

City FAIRFAX State VA Zip 22031

Phone (area code) 703 - 865-4342 School Attending MANTUA ELEMENTARY

NJTL Chapter/Program name \_\_\_\_\_ NJTL ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group (Circle one)**

Girls	10 and under	11/12	13/14	15/16	17/18
Boys	<u>10 and under</u>	11/12	13/14	15/16	17/18

Parent/Guardian Signature Rachel Alyn Kro Date 24 JUNE 2008

# OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES



## (National Junior Tennis League) 2008 Arthur Ashe Essay and Art Contest

1. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** Contest open to boys and girls who are 18 years of age and under, who are legal U.S. or British Columbia residents, and who are currently participating in a program sponsored by their local USTA NJTL Program or Chapter. Age is determined as of July 10, 2008. Void where prohibited by law.
2. **HOW TO ENTER.** Write a 1-page essay on an 8 ½ " x 11" paper answering the question, "How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?" Or for ages 12 and under, submit artwork limited to 22"x28" poster board. Shipping will not be reimbursed. Return the completed entry form along with your essay or art to your NJTL chapter or program. All entries must be received from NJTL chapters and programs by July 10, 2008. Send to:

USTA/NJTL

### Arthur Ashe Essay and Art Contest

70 W. Red Oak Lane

White Plains, NY 10604

Limit one entry per person, and all entries must be signed by a legal parent or guardian to be accepted. Spanish language entries welcome. The USTA is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, damaged, stolen, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries become the sole property of the USTA and will not be returned.

3. **WINNERS.** The USTA/NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay and Art Contest Subcommittee will select one winner from each age and gender category. Essays and art will be judged based on knowledge of Arthur Ashe, message clarity, writing, and creative style. All decisions by the USTA or by the judges will be final and binding in all respects. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or mail. If prize/prize notification is returned as undeliverable or winner is unable to accept prize, such prize will be forfeited and an alternate winner will be selected.
4. **PRIZES/APPROXIMATE RETAIL VALUE/ODDS OF WINNING.** Ten (10) national essay and ten (10) national art winners will be selected, one (1) boy and one (1) girl from each age group, and awarded a prize. Each essay contest prize winner shall receive the following: A trip to New York City from August 22-24, 2008, and attendance at the 2008 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess at the US Open on August 23, 2008; roundtrip coach air transportation purchased no less than twenty-one (21) days in advance for winner and a parent or legal guardian from a major commercial airport near winner's residence to New York; if winner lives within a 100 mile radius of New York City, round trip ground

transportation provided by sponsor may be substituted for roundtrip airfare; 3 days/2 nights at the Grand Hyatt New York (one standard room, double occupancy); and five (5) meals. Other prizes may be included based on availability. The approximate retail value of the trip is one thousand and six hundred (\$1,600) USD, but the actual retail value will depend on place of residence of each winner. Each art contest winner will receive a plaque in their honor. Approximate retail value of twenty-five (\$25) USD.

Each winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes. Winners will be notified by phone and/or regular mail. Each winner is solely responsible for all other expenses not specifically set forth herein, including gratuities and any other incidentals. Winner and parent/guardian must travel together. No prize substitution or cash equivalent of prize will be given for any reason except at USTA's sole discretion due to prize unavailability, and then only for a prize of equal or greater value. Limit one prize per individual, family or household.

5. **RELEASES.** By participating, parent/guardian, on behalf of himself/herself and winner, releases and holds harmless USTA/NJTL, the United States Tennis Association Incorporated, ("USTA") the USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated, the US Open, the City of New York, and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, dealers, directors, officers, volunteers, employees or agents from any and all liability for any injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising from participation in or in connection with the contest or resulting from acceptance, possession, use and/or misuse of any prize except where prohibited by law. Acceptance of a prize by parent/guardian, on behalf of winner, shall constitute and signify agreement and consent that USTA may use winner's name, address (city, state), likeness, photo, essay, and/or prize information for promotional purposes without further compensation to winner.
6. **WINNERS' LIST.** Winners will be posted online at [www.usta.com/njtl](http://www.usta.com/njtl) by September 12, 2008.
7. **SPONSOR.** USTA/NJTL, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604. Visit [www.usta.com/njtl](http://www.usta.com/njtl) for more information.



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