

## **IT'S BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

**Colorado School and Public Employees Retirement Association (CSPERA) and Colorado AARP** are sponsoring 2017's...

### ***Fifth Grade Grandparent Essay Contest***

**Four Student 1st Prizes of \$75 Visa Gift Cards and Four Student 2nd Prizes of \$50 Visa Gift Cards**

**The teacher of all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will receive a free 1 year membership to CSPERA**

### **Four SCHOOL Prizes of \$500 each from Colorado AARP**

Essay winners will win a pizza party for their class to be held at their school. It will be hosted by a CSPERA and AARP representative at a date and time to be determined.

The CSPERA Grandparent Essay Application is available on this CSPERA website, [www.cspera.org](http://www.cspera.org). Students may simply be given contest directions by the teacher, and then do their work at home, or the essay could be a part of in-class writing instruction and practice.

This contest is for fifth grade students only. The essay's content should be about **"Why my Grandparent(s) is/are the Best in the World."**

*We hope your fifth grade students and teachers will engage in the topic, which has generated many family-appreciated and remembered essays in prior years.*

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES TO REACH THE CSPERA OFFICE: MARCH 24, 2017**

If you have any questions please just email us at [cspera@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:cspera@aps.k12.co.us)

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**CSPERA - AARP 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRANDPARENT ESSAY CONTEST**



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

If known, the name of your local TV station, radio station, and/or local newspaper.

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**Winners will be announced April 14, 2017.**

**ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

- Content should be titled “Why my Grandparent(s) is/are the Best In The World”.
- 150 – 200 words in length, not including the title.
- Legibly written or electronically generated and printed in English. Use only one side of the paper. Additional sheets of paper may be used if necessary.
- Contains the components of a formal essay: i.e. introduction, supporting points and conclusion.
- Student name and school name written at the end of the essay.
- Entry form included with essay.
- Must be the original work of the student author, certified at the end of the essay by the following statement and signature:

*“I certify that this is my original work.”*

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Student Signature

**(OVER)**

**PARENT CONSENT FORM**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    First                                    Last

I hereby give permission for Colorado School and Public Employees Retirement Association (CSPERA) to release the use of my child’s name, photograph, and/or Grandparent Essay writing in publications such as those produced or sponsored by CSPERA, and mass media.

This Media Release shall remain in effect through the duration and presentation of the Grandparent Essay Contest, unless it is revoked in writing by me or another parent or legal guardian.

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or e-mail entries, along with this completed form, to CSPERA via the addresses below.

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