



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 United States, 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?"

Write and You Could Win (open to all contestants ages 18 and under): Contestants will compete in one of the five age categories listed below. Answer the question "How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?" in one written page of 300 words or less and you could be one of ten (10) national winners who win a trip for you and a parent/legal guardian to New York City. Be a VIP at Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess, attend a professional sporting event, see a Broadway show and receive a special award at a luncheon held in your honor. Essays must be in English. Essays will not be returned.

OR
Draw and You Could Win (open to all contestants ages 12 and under): Contestants will compete in one of two age categories listed below. Draw a picture or create artwork of your response to the question "How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?" and you could be one of eight (8) national winners to win a plaque in your honor. Express yourself, be creative, but remember artwork must be 2-dimensional and no larger than poster board size (22" x 28"). Artwork must be in English. Artwork will not be returned.

Eligibility: To participate in the Contest, you must be 18 years of age or younger, a legal resident of the 50 United States and/or D.C., and be participating in a program sponsored by your local NJTL Program/Chapter between February 18, 2008 and July 3, 2008. Visit www.usta.com/njtl for more information.

Prizes: Ten (10) national essay winners (1 boy and 1 girl from one of 5 age categories: 10 and younger; 11 and 12 year olds; 13 and 14 year olds; 15 and 16 year olds; and 17 and 18 year olds), along with one parent or guardian, will be awarded 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 (ARV: \$1,600.00 USD each). Eight (8) national art winners (2 boys and 2 girls from each of the 2 age categories: 10 and under; and 11 and 12) will each receive a plaque from USTA/NJTL (ARV: \$25.00 USD each).

Deadline: Submissions, along with completed entry form, must be mailed or hand delivered to your local NJTL Program/Chapter. For a list of all NJTL Programs/Chapters and their addresses visit www.usta.com/njtl. Mail-in entries must be postmarked on or before June 26, 2008 and received by your local NJTL Program/Chapter on or before 5:00 PM ET on July 3, 2008. If you choose to hand deliver your entry to your local NJTL Program/Chapter you must do so by 5:00 PM ET on June 26, 2008. NJTL Chapter and Program leaders are responsible for submitting all entries to the USTA National Office no later than July 10, 2008 (Arthur Ashe's Birthday).

See reverse side for complete rules.

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

First Name Madeleine Last Name Nguyen

Boy Girl Birth Date 5/22/1998

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City McLean State VA Zip 22102

Phone (area code) 703 - 918-0393

NJTL Chapter/Program Name Thai Tennis Organization NJTL ID# 1918

Age Group (Circle one)

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

Parent/Guardian Signature [Signature] Date 6/25/08

As the legal guardian of the participant, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the "Official Contest Rules." (Not checking this box may lead to disqualification of entry. The "Official Contest Rules" can be downloaded at www.usta.com/aaec.)

“How do you exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe?”
by Madeleine Nguyen

Arthur Ashe was an awesome person! He was a famous writer, spokesperson, activist and tennis player. Mr. Ashe was most famous for being the first African-American to win 3 major singles championships. He was also a spokesperson for social change. Mr. Ashe once said “I could never forgive myself if I elected to live without...trying to help the poor and unfortunate, without recognizing that perhaps the purest joy in life, comes with trying to help others.” He grew up in segregated Richmond, Virginia and was poor, but worked his way to become a champion athlete. He worked hard for his achievements, and once he was successful, he helped out many people. Mr. Ashe changed the world in a very unusual way. He encouraged many people to do what is right! He changed the lives of many people through his great work.

I try to exemplify the ideals of Arthur Ashe. When I grow up, I would like to do the same things that Mr. Ashe did and help out the poor and less fortunate. I share the same passion for tennis, and the desire to help those in needs. I recently helped raise money for kids in Vietnam who can not afford to go to school. Some even lost their homes during the typhoon season. I also study hard and get pretty good grades. I am not the only one who looks up to Arthur Ashe as a hero, he is a role model to many people. I hope to follow in his footsteps and be a good leader and change the world for the better. I want to grow up and be a great tennis player and use it to change the world. I want to be an awesome person just like Arthur Ashe!