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Snapshots of Service Photo and Essay Contest

What acts of service have been meaningful to you? Service can be defined in many different ways- a selfless act for a child or an elder, helping a friend in need, a mentor serving their community, volunteering, donating to or supporting a cause, serving your Country through military service or being politically engaged. We want to know what service means to you as we celebrate our service men and women for the 2018 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show.

The city of Tuscaloosa is pleased to announce a photo contest on the following topic: **Serving Others**. The contest is open to all high school students within Tuscaloosa County. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, originality, relevant essay and relation to theme. Awards will be as follows:

- Fifteen (15) finalists will be selected. Each finalist student will receive two (2) tickets to the 2018 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show Pilot's Reception (one for the winner and one for a parent/guardian).
- The top three submissions will be chosen and recognized at the Pilot's Reception.
- All qualified entries will be awarded with an "air square" for the Air Show on Sunday, April 15, 2018. The air square is a reserved 10' x 10' section located near show center that can accommodate up to five (5) guests.

Air Show pilots and crew members from the U.S. Navy Blue Angels team, along with other air show performers will be in attendance for this exclusive evening. The Reception will be held on April 13 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Tuscaloosa River Market (1900 Jack Warner Parkway). Ticket includes entrance to the event, as well as food and beverages. Any guest under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. The contest is open to high school students that are currently enrolled in an accredited high school program within Tuscaloosa County.
2. All submissions become property of the city of Tuscaloosa, allowing its representatives to reproduce or distribute the submission content as it sees fit in its sole discretion, although authorship will be acknowledged.
3. By submitting an entry, the contestant warrants that the work is original, designed and completed entirely by the applicant, and does not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. In addition, by submitting an entry, the contestant grants permission to the city of Tuscaloosa to use her or his name for publicity purposes, including, but not limited to, announcing the results of the contest.
4. All submissions must be in good taste and embody the contest theme. No lewd or distasteful photos will be accepted.
5. All photos must be accompanied by a 500-word essay describing the origin of the photo. Photos must have a minimum resolution of 1024x768 (or higher) pixels. All photos must be in either .jpg and .png formats. All essays must be submitted as a Word document or PDF. Photographs can be color or black and white. Photographs may be either vertical or horizontal.
6. Winning photos and essays will be displayed at the Pilot's Reception and possibly in other public facilities.
7. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

8. Photo and essay must be submitted as digital files on a USB storage drive, must be accompanied with the attached release form, signed by the student artist, and by a parent or legal guardian if the artist is under the age of 18. **USB storage drives must be labeled with the student's name** and the digital photo and essay must be labeled as follows:

TRAS_SERVICE_STUDENTNAME_ESSAY_2018
TRAS_SERVICE_STUDENTNAME_PHOTO_2018

9. To be considered, entries must be received by **March 23, 2018**. Entries should be dropped off at **City of Tuscaloosa, Environmental Services Department 3440 Kauloosa Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401** (Monday through Friday) between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

10. Winners will be notified by April 1, 2018. The decisions of the judges are final and non-reviewable.

For more information about the 2018 air show and Pilot's Reception, please visit
www.tuscaloosaregionalairshow.com

