



Bolder Options Rochester and Med City Beat are pleased to announce a request for submissions for **Next Generation Storytellers**, a youth journalism competition to encourage local middle and high school students to share stories that impact their lives and their community.

Accepting submissions March 10 - 31, 2017 at www.themedcitybeat.com

— PRIZES —

Middle School

(Grades 6–8)

1st place: Pool party at the Rochester Area Family YMCA with pizza from Pasquale's Neighborhood Pizzeria (up to 15 kids and 5 adults)

2nd place: 2 tickets to the Science Museum of Minnesota + \$50 total in gift cards from Perkins Restaurant, Inta Juice, Starbucks and Kwik Trip

3rd place: \$20 gift card to Cafe Steam

High School

(Grades 9–12)

1st place: \$500 savings bond, courtesy Rochester attorney William L. French

2nd place: 2 tickets to Under the Streetlamp (April 28th at the Mayo Civic Center) + \$50 total in gift cards from Perkins Restaurant, Inta Juice, Starbucks and Kwik Trip

3rd place: \$20 gift card to Cafe Steam

Winning submissions will also be published and shared on the Med City Beat

— RULES —

- Work must be original and all sources must be appropriately attributed
- Names and phone numbers of quoted individuals must accompany submission
 - Student's first and last name must be included in the article
 - A high-resolution photo is encouraged, but not required
 - Entries will be reviewed by a panel of local judges
 - Minor edits may be made for flow and clarity



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— ASSIGNMENTS —

Middle School

Min. 300 words and interviews with at least 2 different people

Topic: Choose a role model – a family member, teacher or community leader – who has made an impact on your life and find out what drives them to help others. Have that person share their story with you. Why do they choose to give back? What experiences have they had in their life that make them who they are today? What advice do they have for others? We also want you to talk to at least one other person who knows your role model so they can share what makes this person so extraordinary.

High School

Min. 500 words and interviews with at least 3 different people

Select one of the following topics:

- 1) Rochester is becoming a more diverse community. Find out what's causing these changes and what civic, school and/or faith leaders are doing to address inequality and promote inclusiveness.
- 2) The \$6 billion Destination Medical Center initiative calls for creating 30,000 new jobs in the next 20 years. What can Rochester do to position itself as a place where the next generation of workers – specifically young people like yourselves – want to live?
- 3) Rochester is known worldwide as the home of the Mayo Clinic. But what else makes this community unique? Choose one topic other than health care that helps make Rochester a special place to call home.

About Bolder Options: Bolder Options is an innovative organization focused on healthy youth development. The comprehensive mentoring program, wellness activities and leadership opportunities coordinate family, community, school and county resources in a united effort to support youth who are at-risk for dropping out of school or becoming involved in delinquent or unhealthy behaviors. Bolder Options engages youth and mentors in goal setting, physical activity, tutoring and community involvement to build confidence, maximize potential, and encourage healthy life skills.

About Med City Beat: Created in 2014 by journalist Sean Baker, Med City Beat is an independent, nonpartisan news website covering government, business and entertainment in Rochester, Minnesota.