

# 15th Annual Choose Respect Montgomery Video Contest

Sponsored by the  
**Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation**  
and the  
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Montgomery County



## Contest Rules - PLEASE READ ALL RULES VERY CAREFULLY!

**Description:** This contest challenges teens to create an original video to promote awareness of dating violence/abuse among teens. Participants are encouraged to **be creative!**

**\*\*Video entries illustrating child abuse, bullying, cyberbullying, and adult domestic violence will NOT be accepted.\*\***

**Eligibility:** This contest is open to all 6th - 12th grade students living in Montgomery County. Students can enter the contest on their own or as a group; **however, students may only participate in ONE entry. If a student in any way participates in more than one PSA video, all of those entries will be disqualified.**

### Entry Rules:

- All submissions must have a title.
- All submissions must be in either English or Spanish.
- All submissions must be 50-70 seconds in length.
- All submissions must be uploaded to Google Drive, Dropbox, YouTube, or similar program.
- You will then have to provide us with the link via our Online Contest Submission Form (available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/video.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/video.html))
- All submissions must address at least one of the following **as it relates to dating violence**:
  - Physical abuse, emotional/verbal abuse, types of technological abuse, financial abuse or issues around consent).
  - Examples of healthy behaviors in a relationship.
  - Bystander intervention (how to step in and help a friend who is being abused).
- All submissions must include the **Montgomery County Family Justice Center - 240-773-0444** as the resource where victims of domestic violence and dating abuse can get help.
- Submissions must reflect careful planning, thoughtful insight into the material presented, and accurate and thorough coverage of the content.
- Submissions may **NOT** include ANY copyrighted music, audio/video clips, characters, logos, or other protected material. Videos may include music only if it is considered “open source” music, or if it is composed and played by a student (or students) in the group.

**Evaluation and Prizes:** All submissions will be reviewed by a judging panel, with cash prizes going to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and Honorable Mention prizes going to 4th and 5th place. A “Fan Favorite” will also be selected from the Top 5 via public vote during the month of March, and will receive an additional prize. The winning videos will be announced at RespectFest on April 7, 2024. Winning students must participate in the Spring event.

**1st Place: \$1,000**

**2nd Place: \$750**

**3rd Place: \$500**

### To Enter:

1. Create your video, and make sure it follows all of the rules listed above.
2. Upload your video to Google Drive, Dropbox, YouTube, or similar program.
3. Go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/video.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/video.html) and fill out the Online PSA Contest Submission Form.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**