

*Drug coalition offers teen essay contest

The Fountain Hills Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is sponsoring an essay contest among local high school students.

Students are being asked to write an essay of 750 words or less on the topic of "The importance of staying connected with your parents."

Grand prize is \$500 in cash and gift cards from local merchants.

Second place nets a \$100 local gift card, while the third-place finisher wins a \$50 local gift card.

Entry forms and contest rules are available from FHHS English teachers and the Fountain Hills

Branch Library.

Contest deadline is Jan. 31.

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One of the 2011 goals of the drug coalition is emphasizing the positive nature of teens and encouraging the development of relationships between teens and their parents.