

*Submission Deadline is April 30, 2007*

Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence  
(SEMA-VAV)  
extends an invitation  
to contribute to a collection of poems, posters and essays  
titled:  
*Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope*  
2006 – 2007 Edition

Crime is a problem that detrimentally affects us all - women and men, yet too often our children and youth are left out of the dialogue about how to address crime and victimization. We seldom ask for their views about these critical issues that affect our homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities. Another population often ignored is the elderly. And who will speak for the infants? Crime is an equal opportunity social concern. Break the silence and let your voice be heard...through *your* words, through your *eyes*...

**WHO?** Anyone, young, old or in between in southeastern Massachusetts who has been the victim of crime, has witnessed a crime or wishes to speak out in support of victims' rights.

**WHAT?** Poems, essays or art work/posters

**WHEN?** Deadline for submissions has been extended to April 30, 2007

Guidelines will be distributed to all local schools, police departments, congregations and human services agencies & are also posted at [www.semavav.org](http://www.semavav.org). Entries must be received **no later than April 30th.**

Every entry will receive a certificate of appreciation. Prizes in each category will be available (details will follow).

**For more information or to submit an entry:**

SEMA-VAV, 306 Winthrop St.#240, Taunton MA 02780 or call Annemarie at (508) 824-3227 voice mail or email: [matulisannie@msn.com](mailto:matulisannie@msn.com)



*Submission Deadline is April 30, 2007*

Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence (SEMA-VAV) urges you to let your voice be heard. We invite you to contribute to a collection of poems, posters/art work & essays titled:

*Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope 2006 - 2007 Edition*

We hope this project will result in creative input from children, teenagers and community members about their perspectives on crime victimization, and our shared values of individual and community safety, equality, and justice for all. Entries must be received **no later than April 30th**.

**Guidelines:**

Participants should write/draw/paint from their personal perspective - what they think, feel or know about crime & victimization.

<b>Posters</b> (no large than 17" x 22")	
Grades 1 - 3 & community at large	
<b>Essays</b>	
<b>Grades</b>	<b>Essay length</b>
4 & 5	100 to 150 words
6 & 7	150 to 200 words
8 & 9	250 to 500 words
10 - 12	750 to 1000 words
College & Community	750 to 1000 words
<b>Poems</b> (open to all)	No more than one page, 8 ½ x 11

**Submissions must include the following:**

(Students) Full name, grade, name of school, city/town, name of teacher, school phone number.  
(College/community members) Full name, address & phone number. Please let us know if you are a "senior citizen." Every entry will receive a certificate of appreciation. Additional prizes will be announced.

Guidelines & updated information are available online at: <http://www.semavav.org>

Please mail submissions to:

SEMA-VAV, 306 Winthrop St. #240, Taunton MA 02780

Questions? Call SEMA-VAV Chairperson Annemarie Matulis at (508) 824-3227, option#1 or 2.