



COMPASS, the rape crisis center serving Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll counties, is sponsoring an essay contest for all high school seniors in our three-county territory! Winner will receive a \$300 scholarship and have their essay shared in the COMPASS newsletter as well as on our agency Facebook and Instagram pages.

All essays must be 3 to 4 pages, double spaced, with 1-inch margins, and 12-point font. Choose a prompt from the form below and include the form with your submission. All submissions can be mailed to P.O. Box 481, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. All submissions must be postmarked by 4/15/19.

Winner will be announced on 4/20/19 at our Rivercrest Farm event: Heroes: Using Power for Purpose. Winner does not need to be present. Judging will be conducted by COMPASS staff and all submitted essays become the property of COMPASS.

Name:

School:

Phone:

Email:

Check which prompt you have chosen.

- How do you think current events in the news or media have shaped the experiences of survivors of sexual violence?
- Reporting of sexual violence tends to be low. The older a person is when the assault occurs, the less likely they are to report it. Family and friends often directly and indirectly coerce victims into staying silent -- many of them intending to help but most likely doing more harm than good. How can you, as an individual, and the community at large take action to stop this coercion?