

# Tosa's All-City Read Writing Contest 2021

Your entry should be inspired by this year's book selection, *Call Me American by Abdi Nor Iftin*. Please write an original essay in response to this theme:

**For Younger Students:** How have your community and your interests shaped you as a person? (Community can be your neighborhood, school, city, church, etc.)

**For High School Students & Adults:** In *Call Me American*, author Abdi Nor Iftin tells the story of how he adapted and survived in war-torn Somalia and acclimated to a new culture in the U.S. Describe a time when you had to adjust to a new culture or environment. What were the challenges you faced and how did you adapt?

## Rules and Prizes

1. You must be a resident of Wauwatosa or attend a Wauwatosa public or private school to be eligible to compete in the writing contest.
2. First and second place cash prizes will be awarded by age level:  
Grades 3-5: \$30/\$20 Middle school: \$50/\$30 High school: \$75/\$40 Adult: \$100/\$60
3. Your essay must be your own creation and not a retelling of the story.
4. There is no minimum length, but all essays must be no longer than 800 words.
5. Winners will be published on the Tosa's All-City Read website.
6. **Entries are due Friday, February 5, 2021.**
7. Email your essay and registration form to [info@TosasAllCityRead.com](mailto:info@TosasAllCityRead.com) or mail it to: 6650 W. State Street, Box 140, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. Please do not put your name on the essay.
8. Questions? Email [info@TosasAllCityRead.com](mailto:info@TosasAllCityRead.com).

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## Registration Form

Complete this form and attach it to your essay or email it with your essay **no later than February 5, 2021**. Please do not put your name on your essay.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult contact (for students): \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:

Grade 3-5 at (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 6-8 at (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 9-12 at (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (age 19+)

Title of essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this form and your essay to [info@TosasAllCityRead.com](mailto:info@TosasAllCityRead.com) OR

Mail this form and your essay to Tosa's All-City Read, 6650 State Street, Suite D, Box 140, Wauwatosa, WI 53213