



MY VISION OF THE FUTURE OF CONEY ISLAND

First Annual Student Writing Competition

How to Apply

Students in Grades One through Twelve, who reside or attend school in Coney Island (11224 Zip Code) are invited to submit an essay of less than 500 words on their vision for the future of Coney Island. Essays can include a discussion on what the students think the amusement area should look like, what they like and not like about their community and how they think it can be improved. This contest encourages youth to think of themselves as community stakeholders and use imagination and creativity to envision their role in the future of Coney Island.

Submissions will be accepted from March 10 through April 18, 2008. Entries will be divided into the following categories: Grades 1 – 2; 3 – 4; 5 – 6; 7 – 8; 9 – 10; and 11 – 12. A winner in each category will be announced on May 9, followed by an awards presentation. Winning essays will be posted on the Coney Island Development Corporation (CIDC) website. Each entrant will receive a gift from the CIDC. The winner in each category will also receive a Coney Island Gift Pack, including tickets to the Brooklyn Cyclones, New York Aquarium, and Deno's Wonder Wheel.

About CIDC

The Coney Island Development Corporation was formed in September 2003 by the Mayor, the City Council and the Brooklyn Borough President. The 13-member Board of the CIDC includes City officials, local and Brooklyn-wide business and community leaders. It is charged with spearheading and implementing a comprehensive planning process for Coney Island and creating a coordinated economic development strategy for the area.

On November 8, 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg unveiled a redevelopment plan for Coney Island that will build on its iconic amusement legacy and transform it into an affordable, year-round urban amusement and entertainment destination and bring new residential and retail uses to this community.

For information about the Mayor's redevelopment plan and the Coney Island Development Corporation, please visit www.thecidc.org

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Submission Deadline: April 18, 2008

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