



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry Contest

Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947 marking a milestone in baseball history. As a way of celebrating this momentous event and keeping the memory of Jackie Robinson alive, the Detroit Tigers invite Michigan schools to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry Contest.

The contest is open to middle and high school students from the metropolitan Detroit region. Students may enter the contest by submitting an original essay, poem, or work of art in honor of Jackie Robinson. The contest criteria are as follows:

**ART:** Create an artistic expression that captures the spirit of one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success. Artwork can be a painting, drawing, or rendering no larger than 22"x 28".

**ESSAY:** Write an essay that chronicles "How can one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success help build peace and prevent conflict?" Essays should be typewritten and double-spaced and limited to one page.

**POETRY:** Write a poem that explores one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success. Poems should be typewritten and double-spaced and limited to one page.

### **"The Nine Values of Jackie Robinson"**

**Courage, Determination, Teamwork, Persistence, Integrity, Citizenship, Justice, Commitment, and Excellence**

To enter, contestants must submit an original piece of art, an essay, or poem by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012. An official entry form must accompany each submission. Entry forms can be found online at [tigers.com/education](http://tigers.com/education). Items may be mailed or delivered to:

Detroit Tigers, Inc.  
Attn: Sam Abrams  
2100 Woodward  
Detroit, MI 48201

Contest winners will be honored during a special on-field, pre-game ceremony before the Tigers game on Friday, April 20, 2012 as we celebrate Jackie Robinson Day at Comerica Park. Winners will receive five complimentary tickets to this game. In addition, all participating schools that are able to provide transportation may apply for a donation of tickets to see this Tigers game. To submit a formal request for a ticket donation, please contact Sam Abrams at 313-471-2363 or via email at [sam.abrams@detroittigers.com](mailto:sam.abrams@detroittigers.com) by Friday, March 16, 2012.