

My name is Shakeem Oliver I am ten years old. I like school and I like doing math reading. I play sports like football; basketball; baseball; and wrestling. I want to some day be a police officer, mechanic or a pro basketball player. I am proud to say 'I am drug and meth free'.

I learned that meth kills, breaks up families, and makes you ugly. It bring sadness and makes you feel alone. Meth will make you stupid, crazy, depressed, confused, dizzy, talk funny and paranoid. Meth is just a drug that kills dreams and breaks hearts of the people you love and care for you. I have a family member who does meth and he is no longer with his family. His son has to be raised without his dad. When I see my relative I always see him sad, mean, gets mad fast and always stays up. Its hard not to have a dad to show you things and be there for you when you need teaching or just to do stuff with. Its is sad what meth could do.

Meth is a powerful drug and is made of thing my mom and family use to clean with or use around the house. Things the use to make meth is gasoline, rubbing alcohol, starting fluid, paint thinner, freon, camp stove fuel, white gasoline, table or epsom salt, battery acid. Some of these things to make meth I don't even know what they are. I would not want to put bad thing in my body that I don't know of.

There are different types of meth. They make meth which can be powder and is white or pinkish or yellowish color. It can be made as a pill which can be in different colors. And they can make it like a crystal that looks like ice or rock candy. People

who make meth are starting to add flavoring. This well make people buy more and to make people like the taste.

Meth will make you sick and can kill you. you will have weight loss, strong body order, dry itchy skin, acne, body sores, mood swings, violent behavior, rotten or missing teeth, angry, panic, have different behavior patterns, confusion, high fever, chest pain, and have chances of heart attack, stroke or into a coma.

This is why I choose not to do meth. Because it will kill you and I don't want to make my mom sad. I want to finish school and get a good job. That way I can get things. Like a nice house, nice truck and be a good person. I want to some day be a good father to my kids. This is why I want to be meth free and enjoy my life.

Erin Gamboa 2nd Place

Drugs don't care. Drugs don't care if you are good, wealthy, pretty, ugly, smart or dumb. Drugs also don't care if you're a doctor, lawyer, educator, oil field worker, housewife or student. And, drugs especially don't care if you have a loving and caring family. Drugs just don't care. It will destroy anything and everything around you. I live in the small town of Farmington. We have a great community but drugs are hurting our town. Every day I hear or read about some drug related incident on the news or newspaper. It is getting pretty scary to see families and lives destroyed because of a death or some violent act that was caused by drugs. That's what I mean, drugs just don't care.

I'm a pretty smart kid, I see how different drugs affect people and the environment. Drugs affect people by changing their behavior and habits. Drugs make people angry, aggressive and hot-tempered. The drugs make people do crazy and stupid things. Most of the time, people on drugs don't realize it until its too late. There are many drugs that are affecting our small town of Farmington but Meth is the biggest and dangerous. Meth is a dangerous drug that is made of common household products. The stuff we use to light a fire or clean a drain can make someone get high. Anyone can get these products at a store, which makes it even scarier. Meth can destroy a person and a family. I think about all the families and children that are dealing with drug addictions and I pray that God would strengthen them. I pray that one day, Meth or any other drugs would no longer hurt people. I know that drugs just don't care but we care to stop the drugs.

McKinzeY Allee

3rd Place

America is the Land of the Free. If you do *Meth*, you lose your freedom and become a slave! *Meth* steals your freedom. Once you start, you can't stop, and it makes you act crazy. It becomes your King, and in America we don't have Kings.

If you take *Meth* there are horrible consequences. Your brain will grow holes and you will die much quicker than a normal life without *Meth*. Also you will not be yourself, you will not be healthy, and you will be in extreme pain.

Meth has drain cleaner, battery acid, farm fertilizer, gasoline additives, engine starter, rock salt, camping fuel, and other horrible stuff that can kill you. You don't want to even touch it! If most of these just get on your hands you can get a really bad infection, so why would you want to put that in your body? That is another reason why you shouldn't take *Meth*.

If you get in a situation where your friends are saying, "Come on just try it. A little bit won't hurt. If you want to be cool like us then you should take it." Then run and say "No way!" First of all why would you want to take that stuff, second of all it will hurt and you can die!!! Being dead is not so cool!

Decide now! Which side do YOU want to be on?

Don't Try Meth