

**“DON’T HIDE IT, FLAUNT IT”
FAMILY PROMISE
DHIFI FLAUNT CONTEST PARENT APPROVAL FORM**

Don’t Hide It, Flaunt It (DHIFI) is a 501(c)(3) organization developed by founder, Meg Zucker (www.donthideitflauntit.com). DHIFI encourages people of all ages to accept and celebrate that which makes them unique. A “Flaunt” is a personal essay (or art work), inspired by the theme, “The Things That Make Me Different Make Me, Me!” The Flaunt is designed for us to have the opportunity for us to share what makes us unique, and provide insight to our peers for purposes of empowerment, empathy toward one another and understanding.

Don’t Hide It, Flaunt It is inviting youth ages 7-18 to submit written essays or art works and accompanying photos (optional) for the potential to win the Family Promise & DHIFI Flaunt Contest & be published on the DHIFI website.

Applicant Contact Information

Name (Flaunter): _____

Age: _____

Name (Parent or Guardian if Flaunter is under 18):

Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Telephone (indicate if cell): _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Submission Guidelines

1. Submit an MS Word document of approximately 400- 600 words (no more than 800)
2. Submissions inspired by the DHIFI theme: “That which makes me different, makes me, me.”
3. Identify something that makes you unique and that has affected your life in ways you could not control. You may love this about yourself or it might make you uncomfortable. Share your personal story and personal journey toward unconditional self-acceptance. Some examples are:
 - Physical differences: height, limb difference, birth marks, scars
 - Invisible differences: dyslexia, color blindness, accent, food allergies or celiac
 - Family difference: adoption, mixed race or religion, sibling with disability
4. Explain how your life has been affected using specific and well-developed examples.
5. Discuss how you have grown to accept this difference (or not), and how you have learned to cope, manage and perhaps even embrace and accept your difference

I, (name of Parent or Guardian of minor under age 17 – please print) _____, hereby give permission to *Don’t Hide It, Flaunt It* to publish my child’s “Flaunt” essay or art and his/her accompanying photo (optional) on its website (www.donthideitflauntit.com)

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____