

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT® SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Topic: Why is it important to help our Wounded Warriors succeed as they return home from serving our country?

Scholarship materials can also be found at woundedwarriorproject.org/scholarship.

ESSAY RULES AND DEADLINES

- The 2012-2013 essay application window is open only to high school seniors who reside in Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties in Florida and plan on continuing their education at a college, university, technical school, or other institution of higher learning. The college or institution of higher learning does not have to be located in Florida.
- All essays must be 500 words or less.
- All essays must be typed and double-spaced.
- If books, research materials, or other sources are used or quoted in an essay, that essay must follow the Modern Language Association (MLA) format for cross-referencing source material, including parenthetical references and a works cited page.
- All essays, accompanied by the Essay Cover Form, must be emailed or postmarked on or before **May 3, 2013**. Essays may be mailed to Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Scholarships, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Essays may be emailed to scholarship@woundedwarriorproject.org.
- All emailed submissions must have both the Essay Cover Form and the essay attached in the email.
- In May, the scholarship committee members will choose the top essay from each county to receive a scholarship award of \$1,000. In late June or early July, the scholarship committee members will contact the award recipient for each county.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Wounded Warrior Project will use a double-blind scoring system for its 2012-2013 Scholarship Essay Application. This system is designed to make the process of judging as easy and impartial as possible.

- Essays will be divided into each of the four counties.
- Scholarship committee members will receive copies of the essays with the name and school of each student removed.
- Scholarship committee members will read and score each essay individually and all essays will receive a score.
- The total points for each essay will be added together, and the essay with the highest cumulative points in each county will be selected. In the event of a tie, the scholarship committee members will make the final decision.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the essays:

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| • Recognition - Does this essay present an understanding of the topic? | 0-5 points |
| • Effectiveness - Is the essay presented with clarity and organization? | 0-5 points |
| • Innovation - Does this essay display originality on the topic? | 0-5 points |
| • Overall Story - Does this essay honor and empower wounded warriors? | 0-5 points |
| • Inspiration - Does the essay inspire others to take action? | 0-5 points |

GUIDELINES FOR THE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER

There are no photocopying restrictions on this material, which also can be found at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/scholarship. It can be reproduced as many times as necessary. However, the applicant is required to have a completed Essay Cover Form attached to his/her essay.

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Essay Cover Form

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IMPORTANT! Please note, you must complete this form and attach to the top of your essay before submitting it via email to scholarship@woundedwarriorproject.org or by mail to Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Scholarships, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. **Your submission must be EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN May 3, 2013.**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

County Where School Is Located _____ Grade Level _____

Name of School _____

School Address and Phone Number _____

Full Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Parents/Guardians Phone Number _____

Student or Parents Email Address _____

By submitting my essay and participating in the Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) Scholarship Essay Application for 2012-2013, I am acknowledging that I have received and reviewed the rules and deadlines. I understand and agree that WWP reserves the right to remove my essay from consideration if I do not follow all of the rules and deadlines. I understand my essay submission will not be returned to me, and WWP will not reprint or publish my essay without permission.