



2020 WHITTIER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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Scholarship Criteria and Essay Writing Details:

Theme:

Environmental Sustainability

Deadline:

Entries must be submitted by email to mbrowne@cityofwhittier.org with "Scholarship Essay" in the subject line. The due date is Saturday, March 21, 2020 and must be emailed and received by midnight.

Eligibility:

The essay contest is only open to college-bound graduating high school seniors who are residents of the City of Whittier, regardless of the location of the high school attended. Unfortunately, students living in the **unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Whittier are not eligible**. Questions can be addressed by Martin Browne, Community Services Manager, at mbrowne@cityofwhittier.org or (562) 567-9470.

Scholarship Awards:

- Five (5) \$500 individual scholarships will be awarded to five recipients living in **Athens'** service area.
- Four (4) \$500 individual scholarships will be awarded to five recipients living in **Republic's** service area.
- Winners will be notified by April 10, 2020.
- Winners will be invited to a reception at City Hall, 13230 Penn St., on May 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. to be recognized and presented with their scholarship check.

Writing Guidelines:

Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 12-point font. Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the contestants.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit only one essay per student. Email entries to: mbrowne@cityofwhittier.org with the subject "Scholarship Essay". Include your essay in the body of the email and as an attached PDF document. Entries must include: essay

topic, your full name, email address, home address, contact phone number, grade level, school name, the name of your parent or legal guardian, and the name of your trash hauler from your residential invoice (either **Athens Services** or **Republic Services**), in that specific order.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:

The City of Whittier's Social Services Commission will evaluate the essays. Essays will be judged anonymously with no identifying information available to the judges. Essays will be evaluated based upon creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment, and a vision for the future. Submissions will also be judged based upon writing standards set forth in *A Writer's Reference* required by most colleges and universities. Decisions by the judges are final.

Essay Topics:

Students are challenged to answer one of the following two questions - Please submit only one essay per student:

1. Most packaging is either paper based or plastic based with some metal used as well. While metals are easily recycled, it is not the same for paper and plastic. How does the role of packing change with an increased focus on sustainability and green requirements? Will this drive materials in a different direction?

Or,

2. Environmental sustainability is a huge topic. Some of the global concerns are so large that they seem insurmountable. Write an informative essay describing small things individual people can do to live a more sustainable life. Identify environmentally unsustainable things people do on a daily basis and alternatives they could do instead.