

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP & ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Topic: Why it is important to honor our veterans?

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

CONTEST RULES AND DEADLINES

- This essay contest 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 postmarked on or before February 21, 2012. Essays may be mailed to Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Scholarships, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
- In March or early April, a panel of judges will choose the top essay from each county to receive a scholarship award of \$1,000.

JUDGING PROCESS

Wounded Warrior Project will use a double-blind scoring system for its 2011-2012 Scholarship & Essay Contest. 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.
- Judges will receive copies of the essays with the name and school of each student removed.
- Judges 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 wins.

POINT SYSTEM

The following system will be used to judge the essays:

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| • Understanding of the topic | 0-30 points |
| • Clarity and effectiveness of style and organization of essay | 0-20 points |
| • Originality in approach and treatment of the topic | 0-30 points |
| • Ability to establish a coherent, convincing response to the essay topic | 0-10 points |
| • Adherence to format and length rules | 0-10 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.

Remember, students must cite any books, research materials, or other sources of information.

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Essay Cover Form

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IMPORTANT! You must complete this form and attach to the top of your essay before submitting it to Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Scholarships, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. **Your submission must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN February 21, 2012.**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name of School _____

County Where School Located _____ Grade Level _____

School Address and Phone Number _____

Full Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Parent/Guardians Phone Number _____

Student or Parents Email Address _____