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**Winners will be notified via
e-mail by June 30, 2025.**

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION AWARDING \$2,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 75 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NATIONWIDE.

We invite entrants to send in their Common App essay and 150-word personal statement. Entrants must be in good academic standing and on track to graduate in 2025. One entry per student please. Eligibility limited to students attending a public high school, public charter school, parochial school, or home school in these 14 states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah. **Essays must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.**

For complete contest rules, entry forms, Common App essay topics, and further information, please inquire at



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Official Rules

1. Each Entrant must be a student who is enrolled at a public school, public charter school, parochial school, or home school.
2. Eligibility limited to students in these 14 states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah.
3. Entrants must be on track to graduate in 2025. Essays and personal statements must be e-mailed or postmarked by **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Students may submit only one entry.
4. Entrants are encouraged to submit their common app essay and a 150-word personal statement that addresses the importance of education, obtaining a college degree, and goals for post-college. Each entrant must write the essay and personal statement themselves and in their own words.
5. Common App essay topics include:
 - Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
 - The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
 - Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
 - Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
 - Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
 - Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
 - Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
6. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("The Firm") will establish a panel of judges who will look for writing that is clear, articulate, and well organized. Essays will be judged on both style and content. Decisions made by the panel are final.
7. If entrant is selected as a winner, additional information will be requested. The winning entrant will be notified via e-mail by June 30 and will receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship presented by The Firm on or before the end of summer of 2025.

8. Immediate family members of elected or appointed officials or employees of The Firm are not eligible for this contest.

9. All essays must be accompanied by:

- Cover sheet including the entrant's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, high school, and the name of a parent or guardian.
- Registration form including:
 - Statement signed by the entrant that the essay submitted is the original work of the entrant.
 - Statement signed by the parent or guardian indicating that the parent or guardian approves of the entrant's participation in the scholarship essay contest.
 - Statement by a school official confirming that the entrant is a student in good standing, on track to graduate from the 12th grade in 2025.
- Release form signed by the student, parent or guardian, and person(s) named or identified in essay.

10. **E-Mail Submissions:** Essays should be submitted as a single-spaced Microsoft Word document. E-mail your essay and accompanying forms to: fabricofsociety@stifel.com.

Mail Submissions: Essays sent by U.S. mail or delivery service must be typewritten double-spaced. Include a word count with the essay.

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11. The Firm is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, illegible, or incomplete submissions.

12. By entering, you agree that your essay will become the property of The Firm and will not be returned. The Firm reserves the right to edit, print, and display the essays and photographs of the contest winners.





2025 Scholarship Essay Contest

Registration Form

Return this form by e-mail to: fabricsociety@stifel.com.

Entrant

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Secondary E-Mail: _____

I certify that the essay that I am submitting is my original work and that additional information may be requested if I am selected as a winner.

Contestant signature Date

Parent or guardian

I, _____, give my permission for _____
Print name of parent or guardian Contestant name

to participate in the 2025 Fabric of Society Scholarship Essay Contest.

Parent or guardian signature Date

School official

I, _____, certify that _____
Print name of school official Contestant name

is a student in good standing and is on track to graduate from the 12th grade in 2025, or was on track to graduate in 2025 and graduated early.

Name of school School official signature Date

Future Plans

After High School, my plans are:





Essay Release

I, _____ (Print Name), am submitting my common app essay and personal statement ("essay") to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (Stifel), known as "The Firm," for consideration in the 2025 Fabric of Society scholarship competition. If my essay is selected as a winning essay, I understand it will be published in the 2025 Fabric of Society book.

My signature, and the signature of a parent or guardian authorized to sign on my behalf, confirms that (1) The Firm has been granted a license to edit and publish my essay in the 2025 Fabric of Society book of winning essays, and (2) The Firm is authorized to make and distribute copies and/or reprints of the 2025 Fabric of Society book that includes my essay to any person of The Firm's choosing and in any medium of The Firm's choosing.

By signing below, any other individual(s) whose names and/or any public or private facts about that person are included in my essay hereby authorize The Firm to include such individuals' names and/or any public or private facts about that person disclosed in my essay in the 2025 Fabric of Society book.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Person(s) Named or Identified in Student's Essay Signature

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