

Insurance Professionals of Sussex County

An affiliate of the National Association of Insurance Women (International)



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA-2010

- 1) Each applicant must **choose one** of the following topics and write an essay.
 - 1 In today's tough economic times, more prospective college students are looking to attend state universities or local community colleges rather than private universities. What do you feel are the "pros and cons" to attending a state university or local community college?
 - 2 **What part should the federal and/or state government play in our healthcare, if any, and why?**
 - 3 **Write down and describe a five point plan for presentation to teens to prevent drunk-driving accidents**
 - 4 **You are 17-18 yrs. old – do you need life insurance? Explain your answer.**
 - 5 DWT (driving while texting) accidents are prevalent among your generation. Are more automobile accidents caused by DWT or DWI? Do you know of any organizations promoting safe driving tactics and NOT texting while behind the wheel?
- 2) Essays must be between **300-350 words**. Please supply us with a word count. Points will be deducted for failure to provide a word count, or for essays falling short or exceeding word limits. If using Microsoft Word, go to Tools, word count.
- 3) Essays must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 letter size paper.
- 4) A completed application must accompany the essay (attached). This form will contain the student's name, high school, and verification by a guidance counselor that the senior applying for the scholarship is planning on attending college in the fall. Failure to submit this form results in immediate disqualification.
- 5) **Do not** include your name or school in the body of the essay. That information will be contained on the cover page, attached to the essay. Essays will be numbered by the scholarship chair, scanned, and distributed to the judging panel on an anonymous basis. Points will be deducted if this format is not followed.
- 6) Scholarship deadline: Essays must be postmarked not later than **April 21, 2010** (any essay postmarked after the deadline will be disqualified) Essay winners will be announced approximately the middle of May. Only the essay winner and their School will be contacted.

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- 7) The Scholarship winner, and two guests, will be invited to attend IPSC's dinner meeting to be held at the Blue Ribbon on Culver Lake in Branchville to receive their scholarship award. A certificate will be sent to the school for presentation at the winner's own High School Scholarship and Awards Ceremony.
- 8) Judging Criteria: Based on a possible 70 points. The judges are instructed to read each essay on an individual basis and not compare it to other essays. In the case of a tie, the essays are resubmitted to the judging panel, and then re-scored based on comparison of the two essays.

Following the directions above	20 points
Spelling	10 points
Grammar	10 points
Content (is it interesting to reader)	10 points
Organization of thoughts	10 points
Was essay question answered?	10 points

**Additional Copies of the Scholarship Application are available at
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