

Insurance Professionals of Sussex County

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SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA-2011

- 1) Each applicant must **choose one** of the following topics and write an essay.
 1. Has your school, or a neighboring school, recently lost a student in an auto accident? How does that effect the driving habits of their classmates? Is the effect temporary or permanent?
 2. DWT (driving while texting) accidents are more prevalent among teenagers. DWT and not using a hands free system with our Cell phones is illegal in New Jersey yet more than 60% of us routinely talk on cell phones without using a hands free speaker. What are the penalties for DWT and cell phone use? Should the penalties for DWT and cell phone usage be stiffened?
 3. As a teenager, though you are underage for legal consumption of alcohol, you may be aware of house parties in which alcohol was served to minors. There are legal consequences and risk factors for both the parents of the home where the party took place as well as for the underage person who consumed the alcohol. Identify those risk factors and how they would impact each person
- 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, 2011** (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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