

ESSAY CONTEST QUESTION:

Foundational values of Freemasonry include charity, relief, and service to mankind.

How does your personal involvement in serving others make a positive impact, whether in your community, your nation, or your world?

1st Place: \$4,000 2nd Place: \$3,000 3rd Place: \$2,000 4th Place: \$1,000
Honorable Mention — 4 will be chosen: \$500 each

Contest Rules:

1. Any Junior or Senior attending a Kansas tax-supported public high school is eligible.
2. Contact any Kansas Masonic Lodge, Kansas Mason, or your counselor for information.
3. Essays will be judged on originality and development of the topic.
4. Contestant **must follow contest** rules as to topic, number of words, etc.
5. Essays shall be limited to a **minimum of 300** and a **maximum of 500 words**.
6. Essays must be **typewritten, double spaced**, with work cited, on standard 8½" x 11" paper with a 12 point Arial font.
7. The **original and one copy** of the essay must be submitted to the Local Lodge.
8. Essays **MUST** have a title page (download from KMF web site) that will show the student's name, gender, complete address, Junior or Senior Class, and School name. This information shall appear **only on the title page**. All pages, except the title page, must be numbered.
NO REFERENCE TO THE ESSAY, STUDENT'S NAME, TOWN OR SCHOOL SHOULD APPEAR ANYWHERE IN THE BODY OF THE ESSAY.
9. All essays become the property of the Local Masonic Lodge and may be published without the author's permission.
10. Essays must be submitted to the Local Lodge on or before **November 1, 2015**.
11. The winning essay(s) from a Local Lodge (one per high school in the Lodge's area) will be sent to the Grand Lodge and must be postmarked no later than **December 1, 2015**.
12. There are no contest entry forms. **Essays are to be presented to the Local Lodge.**
13. Essays must first win the Local Lodge competition before they can be submitted for State competition.
14. Grand Lodge essay winners will be notified prior to March 1, 2016.

Scholarships are to be used to attend any Kansas Tax-Supported,
Accredited university, college, community college, or area vo-tech school.

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Check out the Kansas Masonic Foundation website for other Scholarship Opportunities for Kansas High School Students, Band Camp in conjunction with East-West Shrine Bowl and Teacher and Student Recognition Program.

2014 LIST OF WINNERS

FIRST PLACE (\$4,000):

Grace Reilly, Tonganoxie High School, Henri Lodge No. 190

SECOND PLACE (\$3,000):

Carrie Roland, Medicine Lodge High School, Delta Lodge No. 77

THIRD PLACE (\$2,000):

Elaina Finley, Louisburg High School, Peace Lodge No. 243

FOURTH PLACE (\$1,000):

Adam Zarnowicz, Lawrence Free State High School, Lawrence Lodge No. 6

HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

Seann Blair, Altoona-Midway High School, Benedict Lodge No. 403

HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

Tanner Lueker, Junction City High School, Union Lodge No. 7

HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

Rylie Albert, Yates Center High School, Gilead Lodge No. 144

HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

Jerica Hall, Cherryvale High School, Fortitude Lodge No. 107



KANSAS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST 2016

Applicant:
Name (Last) (First) (MI) Home Telephone
Address (Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip) Other Telephone
Email Address High School

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is April 15, 2016.
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Submissions should be emailed to rholt haus@insuringsuccess.com.
4. The selection will be announced May 15, 2016.
5. If you have any questions please email rholt haus@insuringsuccess.com or call 785.213.7314.

AWARD: \$250 scholarship awarded to two applicants selected by the Insuring Success scholarship committee.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student's institution upon evidence of enrollment in classes. This includes student identification number and correct address of school's Bursar's Office.

CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be a Kansas resident, graduating from high school the 2015-16 academic year.
2. Applicant must submit a one page essay.
Essay Question: Who is the most influential person in your life that has helped ensure your success? Why?

COMPONENTS OF APPLICATION

The following items must be completed or attached to this application in order to qualify for review by the scholarship committee.

Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	Personal essay.
YES	NO	Signature of guardian (if applicant is a minor).

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all information stated on the application and in the essay is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to allow my essay to be published in order to further fund future scholarships.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment at the post-secondary institution of my choice. Award will be presented directly to the institution.

Signature of applicant (or guardian): _____ Date: _____

MW Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Kansas 2015 Essay Contest

TITLE PAGE

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Student:

(print legibly or type)

Name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Class: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

School: _____

Address: _____

Teacher: _____

Lodge:

Name: _____ No _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



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OF AF & AM OF KANSAS



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August 1, 2015

Dear College Counselor,

We would like to invite students from your school to apply for the 2016 Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs.

Since 1984, the Horatio Alger Association has awarded over \$100 million in college scholarships to deserving students. Through nationally recognized educational programs, the Association reaches out directly to our nation's young people with a message of hope, opportunity, responsibility, and perseverance.

In keeping with the mission of the Horatio Alger Association, the scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. **Scholarship criteria also include high school graduation in spring/summer of 2016**, commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, and United States citizenship. The scholarships are given to deserving students each year and range in award value from \$7,000 to \$22,000.

We ask that you place the enclosed poster in a prominent location at your school to let students know about the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs. Students may apply online **August 1 – October 25, 2015 at scholars.horatioalger.org**. **NOTE:** When a submission date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the application deadline is automatically extended to 5:00pm Eastern Time on the next business day.

IMPORTANT: In order for an application to be considered complete the applicant's counselor must complete a Certifications Form online.

Please add scholarships@horatioalger.org to your safe mail list.

We look forward to receiving applications from your students as we seek to recognize outstanding young people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrence J. Giroux".

Terrence J. Giroux
Executive Director

2016 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application Information

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered eligible for Horatio Alger National and State Scholarship Programs, applicants must:

- ♦ Be enrolled full-time as a high school senior in the United States, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2016 with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
- ♦ Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a **bachelor's degree** at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- ♦ Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- ♦ Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- ♦ Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- ♦ Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- ♦ Be a United States citizen

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed **by October 25, 2015**:

- ♦ An online application at scholars.horatioalger.org
- ♦ One Support Form completed online. This must be completed by an adult over the age of 21 who is not related to the applicant and who is aware of the adversities mentioned in the application. **This form must be filled out online. Faxes, emails, or letters will not be accepted.**
- ♦ Online Certification Form. A login will be emailed to the applicant's counselor.
- ♦ High school transcript. Applicants should upload a transcript through the application. **Transcripts must be submitted online.**
- ♦ Income Verification. A copy of **the first page** of the applicant's parent(s) federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security form) or tax transcript (request a tax transcript here www.irs.gov/Individuals/Order-a-Transcript) for 2014 is needed in order to verify income stated on the application. If an applicant's parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as Public Assistance or Disability payment documents. Income verifications may be uploaded online or sent by mail. Applicants of divorced or legally separated parents need to submit tax forms from both parents. **No emails or faxes accepted.**

Celebrate the Spirit of Service: Encourage Your Youth Volunteers to Apply for a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award

August 2015

Dear Counselor:

Are there students at your school who are making a difference through volunteer service?

Recognize their contributions and encourage them to apply for a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Now in its 21st year, this program provides your school with an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism throughout your student body and recognize students who have distinguished themselves through community service. It also can generate positive publicity for your school and gives one (or more) of your students the chance to win state and national awards.

Here's how it works:

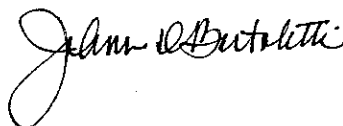
- **Promote:** Ask all of the students in your school who have participated in community service activities over the past year to fill out an online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. **Applications must be submitted by November 3, 2015.**
- **Select:** Then, you can nominate your school's top youth volunteer for state-level honors on behalf of your principal by certifying his/her application by **November 10, 2015.**

Your school's honoree will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award (if he or she has contributed the minimum number of volunteer hours to qualify), and will become eligible to win an unrestricted award of \$1,000 or more, a beautifully engraved medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., next spring for four days of special recognition events.
- **Celebrate:** State-level honorees will be announced in February 2016. In the meantime, your school may recognize top applicants for their volunteer service and hold them up as role models for their peers by presenting them with Prudential Spirit of Community Award certificates.

Your principal should have already received a packet with everything you need to conduct this program in your school. If this packet does not arrive, or if you need a paper version of the application, please call 877-525-8491. Program details are also available at <http://spirit.prudential.com> and www.nassp.org/spirit.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Financial in 1995 to honor both middle level and high school students for outstanding acts of community service. Since then, more than 115,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level. We hope we can honor one of your students this year!

Sincerely,



JoAnn Bartoletti
Executive Director
NASSP

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How to Participate in The 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program

Early September

ANNOUNCE to all young people that, if they have participated in a volunteer service activity in the past year, they can apply for a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

September & October

DISTRIBUTE copies of the enclosed application instruction sheet to interested students and encourage them to apply online by **Tuesday, November 3** at **spirit.prudential.com** or **nassp.org/spirit**.

REMIND applicants that they and their parent or guardian must complete the student/parent agreement page on the last tab of the application.

Mid-October

REMIND young people that the application deadline is approaching.

November

REVIEW all applications online, and then select one Local Honoree and up to two runners-up for every 1,000 students (or portion thereof).

CERTIFY your designated Local Honoree(s) and nominate him/her/them on behalf of the principal for state-level judging by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on **Tuesday, November 10**.

RECOGNIZE your Local Honoree(s) and runners-up, and present them with the enclosed certificates. (For additional certificates, call 877-525-8491).

February

WATCH for the announcement of state-level judging results on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**.