



TRANSPARENCY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The State of Utah has launched a new website, www.transparent.utah.gov, to increase public awareness of state spending. In an effort to encourage Utahns to use the website and promote responsible citizenship, Sutherland Institute will award five \$1,000 scholarships, to be placed in educational savings accounts. The scholarships will be awarded to five students, grades 9-12, who write the best essays based on information found at www.transparent.utah.gov.

Students in every district and every high school throughout the state are invited to participate in the essay contest. The top ten essays submitted will be published at www.sutherlandinstitute.org.

Objective

Essays should be written on how best to use the website to improve Utah's schools and governance. Students are encouraged to explain their experience using www.transparent.utah.gov and how they believe the information on that website can lead to improved education. Students are also encouraged to include facts found on transparent.utah.gov and how those facts have impacted or currently impact their education.

Format and Submission Guidelines

Students are allowed to submit one essay, and each essay must be approved by a teacher-sponsor as indicated on the entry form. Essays must be submitted with the entry form completely filled out. Each essay should be printed in 12-point Times New Roman font. The essay should be double-spaced with one-inch margins, and should include between 500-700 words. **Essays not meeting these criteria will not be considered.**

One scholarship will be awarded to the student with the best essay in each of the following categories:

- Grades 9-10
- Grade 11
- Grade 12
- A minority student in any grade, 9-12 (minority status must submitted with essay)*
- Best overall essay from any student in any grade, 9-12

All essays must be sent to Dave Kimball at Sutherland Institute via email or postal mail **postmarked not later than Saturday, October 31, 2009**. Winners will be announced December 1, 2009.

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* Students who indicate a minority status will be eligible and considered for all categories, not just the "minority" category.



TRANSPARENCY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This entry form *must* be submitted with the essay either filled out and sent electronically or sent in by postal mail postmarked **not later than Saturday, October 31, 2009**. Essays submitted without this form *completely* filled out will not be considered.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ethnicity (Optional): _____ School District: _____

Essay Word Count: _____

Teacher-Sponsor Portion (to be filled out by teacher-sponsor)*

Name: _____ Subject: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Additional comments about student and his/her submitted essay or the work performed thereon: _____

* By providing this information, I certify that I have read the essay composed and submitted by the student named above and have spoken to him/her about the essay and the work performed thereon. I can also certify that the essay is said student's work.

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