



APP # 4-620-

## Mensa Education and Research Foundation

### 2011 – 2012 Scholarship Essay Contest Entry Form

Please complete the entry form below. This entry form **MUST** be typed or printed legibly and signed below.

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| NAME  |       |     | AGE       |
| LEGAL ADDRESS (Required)  |       |     |           |
| CITY  | STATE | ZIP | PHONE ( ) |
| EMAIL ADDRESS (If any)  |       |     |           |
| PRESENT ADDRESS (If different from above)   |       |     |           |
| CITY  | STATE | ZIP | PHONE ( ) |
| PRESENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (Circle one)    High School    College 1 2 3 4    Graduate School   |       |     |           |
| DEGREE PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED IN FOR Fall 2012 (check one):   |       |     |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE <input type="checkbox"/> BACHELORS <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERS <input type="checkbox"/> DOCTORATE |       |     |           |
| DEGREE MAJOR:   |       |     |           |
| Name and address of school presently attending:   |       |     |           |
| Name and address of school to be attending in Fall 2012 if different than above and known:  |       |     |           |

All entries will be considered for the following local, regional and national awards: Cooper/Mossip (\$300), Grosswirth-Salny (\$500), Kuhnel (\$500), Trustees (\$500), Zanca(\$600), Salny(\$600), and Schirmer (\$1000). See Page 2 for additional restricted and regional awards and the rules.

#### COMPETITION INFORMATION

Awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 words that describes the applicant's career, vocational, or academic goals. It is **NOT** necessary that the applicant be a member of Mensa. The eligibility requirements are that the applicant be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, and that an applicant be residing in the participating local group of American Mensa of application. The general awards are **unrestricted** as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average and financial need. There are a few special restricted awards, some of which are listed on page 2. Winners **MUST** provide proof of school enrollment for Fall/Spring 2012-2013 prior to payment of the award.

#### REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

I certify that the accompanying essay is solely my own work, that I have read and understand the **rules and conditions set forth on page 2** and have met all of them. I agree to accept the decisions of the judges as final. I understand that any award may be revoked for failure to provide appropriate documentation regarding educational status.

I understand that Mensa Education and Research Foundation (Foundation) is not responsible for late delivery or other errors by the U.S. Post Office. I agree that Mensa or the Foundation may print my essay in or on any Mensa publication or web site, may submit appropriate publicity releases to the media, and may post results on any Mensa web site. All essays become the property of the Foundation and cannot be returned.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2012.**

Send completed entry form (both pages) and essay to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mensa Scholarships**  
**POBox 1101**  
**Marion IL 62959**

In addition to the general awards, I believe that I am also eligible for the national/regional scholarship award(s) indicated below (check box if any):

MARGOT SEITELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

(Graduate student who plans a career in professional writing or teaching English grammar and/or writing.)

DAVID MANN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) (Study of Aeronautical Engineering or an aerospace field.)

RITA LEVINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$600)

(For a female returning to school after any absence of seven or more years – may be re-enrolled at time of application.)

THE SYLVIA SCHOLARSHIP (\$600) (Degree major in the Natural Sciences or Mathematics.)

HARPER FOWLEY – ISOLATED M AWARD (\$600) (Study for an undergraduate liberal arts degree (B.A. or A.A.))

LESTER LONDON AWARD (\$600) (Graduate degree program in History.)

MARGIE MANDELBLATT AWARD (\$600) (Study in Journalism.)

GRACE HARRINGTON WILSON SCHOLARSHIP (\$600) (For a female student in Journalism.)

ROSEMARY GREATHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP (\$600) (For a student pursuing a degree in the Arts, including creative writing and journalism).

HELEN KUPPER SCHOLARSHIP (\$600) (For a student pursuing a degree in the Fine Arts.)

WALT AND MARY MCGREW SCHOLARSHIP (\$600) (For a veteran pursuing a degree.)

Support for eligibility for restricted scholarships must be shown in essay and in degree/major.

Additional regional/local awards for regionally eligible entries: San Diego, Vitale, Greater Los Angeles (\$1000); Phoenix (\$600); Galiley, Gomez, Deane, Matthews, Harris, Three Rivers Leaders, Northern Michigan, Orange Co., Minnesota, Denver (\$500 each); Oregon (\$400); Chicago, Rhode Island (\$300 each).

Mensa members wishing to be considered for an American Mensa Member Award must submit a separate application with essay for that award. Application forms are available at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships>.

### RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must currently reside in the Mensa Local Group area in which he/she makes application. Check <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships> for eligibility and to obtain the correct Entry Form if you did not get this form from that source. Only one entry is allowed per student to this public award competition.
2. The applicant must be intending to enroll in an accredited U.S. institution for the 2012-2013 academic year.
3. The essay must be the applicant's original work and no more than 550 words in length.
4. Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated as a single-sided document on white paper (20 lb.) with **double spacing**. Leave at least 1" margins all around. Please do NOT staple pages and please use at least a 12 point font.
5. The applicant's name, address, or other identifying information **MUST NOT** be included in the essay or on the essay paper, front or back. Identifying information is to appear only on the application entry form.
6. The applicant must complete the information on page 1 of this form, sign where indicated, and submit the signed entry form along with the essay. Do not include anything else besides a stamped, addressed postcard if you want acknowledgement of receipt of your entry. Any other included materials will be discarded, and not be considered.
7. Materials must be **postmarked, regular US Post Office delivery**, no later than January 15, 2012. Metered mail received after the deadline and special delivery mail may not be accepted. The Mensa Foundation is not responsible for late delivery and/or any other error made by the US Post Office.
8. Do not contact the judges concerning this competition. Judging is done blind and without knowledge of who has entered the competition. Do not contact a scholarship chair about the competition beyond asking for a clarification of the rules. Such contacts may disqualify you from the competition.

Only essays that conform to the rules and guidelines will be considered. Blind judging will be done on three levels: local, regional, and national. Submissions cannot be returned. For proof of receipt of your submission, enclose a self-addressed, stamped (SAS) postcard. Winners will be notified by mail by the end of June 2012. A list of winners' names and hometowns will be posted at <http://www.mensafoundation.org> by the end of June 2012. *No materials other than the essay, the entry form, and optional proof of receipt are to be submitted.* The decision of the judges is final.

**JUDGING WILL EMPHASIZE** a goal statement that includes specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal, persuasiveness (e.g., how your past achievements/experiences and your future planning increase the probability of reaching your goal), why you think that you will succeed, and also grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

# Apply now for Mensa scholarships.

**Please copy and/or forward this information to your teachers, guidance counselors, and anyone who may be interested.**

Each year the Mensa Foundation awards over \$70,000 in scholarships.

We are accepting applications until January 15 2012.

There are three requirements for applicants:

1. The applicant must currently be a resident of a participating American Mensa Local Group's area.  
For us this is Southern Illinois with the zip codes beginning with 628\*\* and 629\*\*
2. The applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.
3. The applicant must submit an essay explaining his or her career, academic, and/or vocational goals.

Applicants have until Jan 15 ( I usually accept late arrivals that are not extremely late). To write an essay of not more than 550 words explaining their career, academic and/or vocational goals and how they plan to achieve those goals. The essays are sent through U.S. Mail to their local Scholarship Chair.

Please feel free to make copies of the enclosed 2 page entry form for those who may be interested.

The local address for mailing essays- Mensa Scholarships, PObox 1101, Marion IL 62959

## **Local judging**

American Mensa's Local Groups assemble judging teams of at least three members to review the applications. The essays are judged on content and also grammar, organization and craftsmanship. The Local Scholarship Chair sends the best local essays to the Regional Scholarship Chair for review.

## **Regional judging**

At the regional level, the process is repeated. The regional chair arranges for all of the essays received from Local Groups to be judged a second time. Regional judges rank the local winners and nominate the best essays for regional and national awards. These essays are then forwarded to the National Scholarship Chairs.

## **National judging**

Finally, the National Scholarship Chairs conduct another two rounds of judging to select the regional and national winners. Each applicant is allowed to win only one Mensa scholarship; therefore, the winners are identified beginning with the highest amounts. The next highest scores receive awards of the next amounts, and so on until all the winners are identified from the judges' scores.

The final list of scholarship winners is presented to the Mensa Education & Research Foundation Board of Trustees, who certify the winners. Winners are notified by mail and given instructions for claiming their award. They are required to submit proof of registration for school during the following fall or spring term as well as proof of U.S. citizenship. After the proof is received, the checks are written and students are given a bit of financial aid to pursue their education.

Thank You

David Levesque