



2017 College Textbook Scholarship ~ Essay Contest

The 2017 national average cost of books and supplies for the average college student hovers around \$1,200 per year (considered as two semesters), with that figure continuing to rise with inflation and the rising cost of college textbooks. The good news is, Raheem DeVaughn and The LoveLife Foundation would like to ease the minds of three college bound students and cover the cost of their books and supplies for their first year in college.

Three students, one from each metropolitan area (DC, MD and VA), chosen through an essay contest sponsored by LLF will receive a \$2,000 College Textbook Scholarship (\$1,000 for each semester) that will cover the cost of books and supplies, as they enter their freshman year of college.

Contest Rules/Eligibility: Each Contestant must be a graduating High School Senior entering into College in the Fall of 2017. Proof of acceptance into a community, state college or university will be required, with an additional current GPA requirement of 2.5 or better (to be uploaded along with the essay submitted). All submissions must be original work done by the student entering the contest. Each essay must be submitted in MS-Word format, include the student's first and last name, and valid phone number. This information is to appear at the top of the first page of the essay.

A student can only submit one essay and is eligible for one award for this annual contest. In addition, in order for funds to be dispersed, each student must be enrolled in the community, state college or university of their choice at the time of disbursement. All checks will be forwarded *directly* to the school's Bursars Office or Student Accounts Office in the student's name.

Essay Requirements

Topic: TBA, Live during the Launch on May 5, 2017

Length: 500-750 words. Student contact information and references are NOT included in the total word count

Spacing: Typed using double line spacing

Font: 12 point font size

Margins: 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left and right)

Page Numbering: Page numbered (lower right)

Text: Any essay containing plagiarized text will automatically be disqualified

*Essay must meet all competition requirements in order to be considered for any award.

Winner Selection Process: All essays, proof of college acceptance and current GPA must be submitted as an e-mail attachment to textbookscholarship@loveifoundationdmv.org on or before Monday, June 5, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).; and, Raheem DeVaughn will select three winners from the entries. The winners will be notified one week after the Submission Deadline and will be posted on www.lovelifefoundationdmv.org.

Launch Date: Friday, May 5, 2017

Note: Raheem made history in the District of Columbia on his birthday, May 5, 2011, when Mayor Vincent Gray awarded him The Key to the City for his work with HIV/AIDS, proclaiming this Day "Raheem DeVaughn Day." So, for the third year in a row in honor of "Raheem DeVaughn Day" for 2017, Mr. DeVaughn will be giving back to the Youth in the Community that are working toward furthering their education and making a difference in the Community-at-Large and the World.

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, June 5, 2017 (On or before Monday, June 5, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).

Winners Announced: Monday, June 12, 2017

~ Community Members looking to support this cause and many others that The LoveLife Foundation supports, can make donations through The LoveLife Foundation website at (www.LoveLifeFoundationDMV.org) at any time.