



2023 WHITTIER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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Scholarship Criteria and Essay Writing Details:

Theme:

Local Composting and Recycling Made Easy.

Essay Topic:

Pretend you are the new Director of Sustainability for the City of Whittier, and it is your job to educate 88,000 residents on how to use the new food waste container. Identify your plan to increase the use of the new food waste container and describe your marketing plan, goals, and measures of success.

Deadline:

The due date for submission is **Friday, March 17, 2023, by 3:00 PM** and must be submitted online or emailed. See Submission Guidelines for details on how to submit.

Eligibility:

The essay contest is open to college-bound graduating high school seniors. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Whittier; location of high school is not used as an eligibility factor. Students living in the **unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Whittier or outside the City of Whittier City limits are ineligible.**

Scholarship Awards:

- \$500 individual scholarships will be awarded to five (5) recipients living in **Athens Services'** area.
- \$500 individual scholarships will be awarded to four (4) recipients living in **Republic Services'** area.
- Winners will be notified by Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Selected winners must submit a W9 by Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 5:00 PM
- Winners will be invited to a reception at City Hall, 13230 Penn St. for the presentation of scholarship funds.

Writing Guidelines:

Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length, typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, and facts and quotations should be appropriately cited following MLA formatting. If outside

sources are used, you must cite appropriately. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the contestant.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit only one essay per student. If selected to receive a scholarship, a picture will be requested as part of our media campaign. By submitting a photo, the applicant grants permission to the City of Whittier to use the photograph for advertising purposes.

Please submit your entry via the Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/Eesx3qeR64XUgwH28>
OR email with the subject "Scholarship Essay" as an attached document to pks@cityofwhittier.org

Following MLA formatting, heading needs to include the following information:

- Student's Full Name and Name of Legal Guardian
- Email Address and Contact Number
- Home Address
- School Name and Grade Level
- Name of the Trash Hauling Service Provider (either **Athens Services** or **RepublicServices**)

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:

The City of Whittier's Social Services Commission will evaluate the essays. Essays will be judged with no identifying information available to the judges. Decisions by the judges are final.

Essays will be evaluated based on:

- Creativity
- Relevance, social and environmental impact
- Inclusion of local sustainability ideas
- Adherence to MLA formatting
- Use of sources and correct citations
- A vision for the future

If you have any question, contact the
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department at (562)567-9400.