



# ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

## Essay Topic/Theme

"How my Lone Star College experience has influenced my life."

## Student Eligibility

- Students must be enrolled full-time (12 hours or hours as required by their Health Occupations program) in credit classes at one of our college locations and have successfully earned their high school diploma or their GED certification.
- **Students can only apply at one of our college locations**, and it must be the college at which they take the most courses or the one they consider to be their "home" campus.
- Students should not already have a degree but should be working on their first credential or degree.
- A prior winner cannot win again.

## Writer's Guidelines

- The essay should highlight and detail how the impact of a student's educational experience has shaped and directed his or her life.
- The submission should not exceed two (2) typed pages, properly formatted and double-spaced.

## Criteria for Evaluation

Expressive writing style, grammar, form and inspiration/student success will be taken into consideration.

## Finalists

- A finalist will be selected from each college location (one each from Barker Cypress, Cypress Center and Fairbanks), and all finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a certificate of recognition from the Lone Star College Foundation.
- The scholarship is to be utilized during the student's next full-time semester, preferably Spring 2018 but no later than Fall 2018.
- An essay finalist will then be selected to represent each college who will read his/her essay at the Chancellor's Breakfast, on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**, in the Lone Star Community Building at LSC-System Office, The Woodlands commencing at 8 a.m. Finalists may also be asked to participate in other Lone Star College events during the spring semester.

## Contest Deadline Friday, November 3, 2017 11:59 p.m.

**Please submit your essay along with the following information to the below email from your Lone Star student email address.** We are not responsible for late essays due to essays being sent from a personal email address, and late essays will not be accepted.

### Please include the following with your essay submission:

1. Your first and last name and student ID number
2. Phone number
3. Total number of credit hours you are taking (Please note if any of these classes are developmental or ESOL.)
4. Winners of the Student Essay Challenge will be asked to participate in various Lone Star College – Foundation activities in the spring, one of which is the Chancellor's Breakfast, Wednesday, February 7, 2018. We do not have the dates and events of the other activities yet though. Please rate your ability to commit to these events on a 1 – 5 scale (1 = low, 5 = high).