North Dakota Mensa

Dear Guidance Counselor,

Re: NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Please help us tell interested students about this 'quick and easy' essay contest!

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation has a number of scholarship awards available to U.S. Citizens or legal residents who are enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 terms. Scholarship winners will receive awards of $500 to $1,000 based on an online essay of 550 words or less describing their academic or career goals. Over $130,000 was awarded last year. We are guaranteed to have at least two scholarship winners from North Dakota each year. Last year, we also had a regional winner.

Please note that the students must submit their applications **online** no later than January 15, 2020.

The 2020 North Dakota Mensa scholarship is open to all permanent North Dakota residents.

Winners are selected based on these essays and Mensa Foundation judging criterion. The Foundation's college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program, or financial need. Mensa membership is not required, nor is it relevant.

Winners may apply the award towards undergraduate, graduate, and non-traditional programs.

A panel of North Dakota Mensans will select the semi-finalists and send those essays to the Mensa Foundation for selection of the winners. Grammar counts, as does essay organization and clarity of writing. The Foundation also awards additional specialty scholarships, such as for veterinary or journalism students only. One entry makes an applicant eligible for all the scholarships for which he or she qualifies.

More information is available at http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/.

I'm attaching a flyer that you can post. It says applications started September 15, but actually the website wasn't ready until last week.

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