City of Rockville Human Rights Commission
Multimedia Scholarship Competition

Welcome to the Rockville Human Rights Commission's Multimedia Scholarship Competition, formerly known as the Multimedia Contest. The Human Rights Commission ("HRC") is excited to offer you this opportunity to (1) express yourself about a current human rights topic that may affect you and/or members of your community and (2) compete for a scholarship that you may use for college.

The HRC will impanel a review group (consisting of three HRC members, one educator, and one community leader) to review completed entries and make first-, second-, and third-place selections (per the criteria below). Entrants whose submissions are selected will receive scholarships with a combined total of $2,500, their names in *Rockville Reports* (the City's municipal newsletter), and recognition at a regular Mayor and Council meeting.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Choose one of the following prompts:**

    a. Rockville prides itself on being one of the most diverse cities in the United States. Identify a place in the City that contributes to this diversity and explain how it does so.
    b. Provide a novel idea on how to improve civil discourse. How could the City of Rockville implement this idea?

2. **Choose a medium/format (*e.g.*, essay, short story, poem, video, or photograph) for responding to your chosen prompt.**

    a. Essays, short stories, poems, and the like must be typed and double spaced.
    b. Video presentations must be at least three (3) minutes in duration.
    c. Visual art presentations must be accompanied by a typed description or explanation. Entries may use any narrative or technical style, including documentary, fiction, live action, or animation.

3. Selection Criteria

    a. Entries for the competition will be selected using the following criteria:
        i. Relevance: Your entry must fully respond to your chosen prompt.
        ii. Creativity: Your entry should demonstrate a unique point of view or presentation style.
        iii. Work Quality: Your entry should be a complete work devoid of significant grammatical errors or flaws in technique, presentation, or execution.

    b. Each entry will receive a rating for each criterion listed above (3.a.i.—3.a.iii.) based on a 1-to-10 rating scale (with one being the lowest rating and ten being the highest rating). All ratings will be added for a total rating for each entry (with the highest total rating being 30).

    c. Each entry will receive a total rating from each of the five members of the review group. Total ratings from each member will be added, averaged, and then ranked from highest to lowest.

    d. The entries with the top three ratings will be designated as the first-, second-, and third-place selections, respectively.

4. Secondary Review Option: To ensure that your entry meets the selection criteria, the HRC suggests that you have a teacher, parent, or peer review it beforehand.

5. Please complete and submit the following required documents with your entry:

    a. A signed copy of the Multimedia Scholarship Competition Guidelines and Official Rules; and

    b. A completed Multimedia Scholarship Competition Cover Sheet (below).

6. All entries and required documents must be emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to Staff Liaison Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov , or at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. All entries and required documents must be submitted and received by **May 29, 2020.**

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Multimedia Scholarship Competition Cover Sheet

Name (First and Last):_____

High School:_____

Grade:_____

Email Address:_____

Home Address:_____

Home/Mobile Phone Number:_____

Selected Prompt #:_____

Medium/Format Used:_____

Explanation of Entry (for visual art presentations only):_____

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