

# ***"Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2017"***

## **ESSAY CONTEST**



### **The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University®**

The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University® is pleased to announce an essay contest for High School 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. With the help of our sponsor, ***Bethpage Federal Credit Union***, up to **\$10,000 in scholarships and prizes** will be awarded to students and their schools, including **\$100 to each High School** that submits essays. Student winners can use the scholarship at an institution of his or her choice. If the student attends Hofstra, the university will match the award.

#### **The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra**

- Is a non-partisan research institution dedicated to promoting objective, academically rigorous study of suburbia's problems, as well as its promise.
- Rooted in the laboratory of Long Island's diverse and aging suburbs, almost literally in the shadows of the iconic Levittown, the National Center studies a broad range of issues from local and national perspectives and, whenever possible, collaborates with researchers at other respected institutions.
- The center is committed to the belief that the suburbs have emerged as the nexus of dynamic demographic, social, economic and environmental change in New York and throughout the United States. The tasks of identifying, analyzing and solving the problems of suburbia are essential for the health of the country – and central to the National Center's mission.

Essay contest winners will be honored at the ***"Celebration of Suburban Diversity Banquet"*** on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York. Scholarship checks will be sent to high school graduates upon their entry into college or institute of higher learning. Student essay contest winners and their parents will be invited as guests to attend the November 14, 2017 diversity banquet.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- **The *Essay Contest Release Form*, which is attached, must be signed by a parent or guardian in order for the essay to be considered for review.**
- ***Only Essay Contest Winners will be notified of the contest results.***
- ***Please be sure to include student name, student email, grade and teacher on all essays***

**\*\*DO NOT STAPLE THE ESSAY OR RELEASE FORM – USE ONLY PAPER CLIPS\*\***

## **When is the Essay/Multi-media Project Contest deadline?**

The deadline for receipt of materials is Thursday, October 19, 2017. Submissions should be sent from the submitting district/school/student to:

Ina Katz\*  
The National Center for Suburban Studies  
255 Hofstra University  
Hempstead, NY 11549

\* Contact: Ina Katz, Tel: 516-463-9939, Email: [ina.katz@hofstra.edu](mailto:ina.katz@hofstra.edu)

## **Who is eligible?**

- All (school year 2017-18) 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students in Nassau and Suffolk County

## **Essay Topic:**

***Identify and analyze an issue related to the racially, ethnically, religiously or otherwise diverse Long Island suburbs and describe the impact on you and your future. Successful essays often have featured a blend of research and personal experience.***

## **Project Parameters**

- Essays should be **no longer than 500 words. IMPORTANT: Students name, email address, grade and teacher's name should appear CLEARLY on each page of the essay. Do not staple the essay – use only paper clips.**
- Multi-media projects should be 3-5 minutes in length. They can be submitted on CD or DVD. Student name and project title should be printed clearly on the CD/DVD.

## **Financial Incentives**

- Student winners will receive a scholarship award with a matching contribution if that scholarship is used to attend Hofstra University.
- First Prize winner will receive \$3,000.00
- Second Prize winner will receive \$1,500.00
- Third Prize winner will receive \$1,000.00

## **Can the student ask a teacher or parent to review his/her work?**

Yes. (See *Release Form*)

## **Can one school or district submit more than one entry?**

Definitely. In fact, we encourage as many submissions as possible.

## **Can a group work together on an entry?**

No. Each entry must have only one author and must be the work of one student.

## **When will the scholarship be awarded?**

Letters will be sent to scholarship winners notifying them of their award by early November 2017. Contest winners will be honored at the "**Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2017 Banquet**" scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 beginning at 5:30p.m at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. An invitation to the diversity banquet will be included in the notification letter to all scholarship winners.

**Scholarship checks will be sent to high school graduates upon their entry into college or institute of higher learning.**

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DISTRICT / SCHOOL SUBMISSION FORM

*Please include a copy of this completed form for each student submission*

Name of District/School: \_\_\_\_\_

District/School Contact for Essay Submission:

Teacher or School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City /State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Student/s Submitting Work:

*(A separate sheet with a list of student's names can be attached)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to clearly include: Student names, email address, grade and teacher on all essays AND Release Forms for all submissions. USE PAPER CLIPS – Do Not Use Staples**

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RELEASE FORM FOR PARENT AND STUDENT

***IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of this completed parent release form for each student submission indicating:***

- a) Work is original and not a copy of any other work; and
- b) Hofstra University has irrevocable permission, without restrictions, to use the student's work in reproduction for educational and promotional materials for this event as well as others determined by the sponsoring agency in their sole and absolute discretion.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail: (write clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_