

2021 Write to Educate Essay Contest

LAFCU is awarding four \$2,500 scholarships, along with a \$500 donation to a local charity.

LAFCU is seeking seniors attending high school in Michigan to participate in our annual Write to Educate essay contest. Students attending **an accredited college or university in the state of Michigan** in the Fall of 2021 should apply.

The Lansing State Journal is a community sponsor of the 2021 Write to Educate Essay Contest. This year's winner(s) essays will be published in the Lansing State Journal.

TASK:

Write a one-page 500 word essay (essays not meeting 500 word count or exceeding one-page will be excluded from scoring)

- Typed in Times New Roman
- 12 point font
- Single spaced
- One-inch margins
- Do not include your name or school name in your essay

TOPIC:

Examine the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our society (human interactions, schooling, the economy, tourism, etc.).

GRADING:

Students will be graded using a 1-10 point scale with the following criteria:

- Specifically followed the requirements and directions of the essay contest
- Content
- Correct spelling/grammar

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED:

February 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021

Please upload entries to:

- lafcu.com/lafcumyway (if you are under 18, we will need page 3 of the application completed and mailed to the address below)
- or
- Mail entries to: LAFCU P.O. Box 26188, Lansing, MI 48909
Attn: Marketing

* If mailing, please complete and mail the attached application with your essay.

Employees of LAFCU and their immediate family members are excluded

WINNER:

The winner will be selected on Friday, April 16, 2021. A copy of a current high school student identification card or transcript will validate the winner's eligibility.

Community Donation

- As part of our mission of people helping people, LAFCU will donate \$500 to an organization in our community on your behalf if you are selected as our 2021 Write to Educate scholarship winner. Please select from the following worthy organizations and briefly explain why you chose them:
 - CASA for Kids
 - CASA for Kids provides highly trained volunteers, called Court Appointed Special Advocates, to advocate within the court system and the community for the best interest of children who are under court jurisdiction due to abuse and neglect in Barry, Eaton, and Ingham counties.
 - Weekend Survival Kits
 - Weekend Survival Kits mobilizes communities to provide food on the weekends to elementary school children throughout mid-Michigan who may otherwise go hungry ultimately helping remove barriers to academic success.
 - Girls on the Run Mid-Michigan
 - Girls on the Run Mid-Michigan is an after-school program designed to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based program that creatively integrates running.

Explanation of Selection

Awarding of the Scholarship:

- The winner must be attending college in the state of Michigan and provide proof of attendance by college ID or enrollment confirmation. Students must have a valid Student ID number as the funds will be submitted to the respective college in the winner's name.
- Any unused portion of the scholarship after two years from the date of issue may be returned to the grantor.

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Write to Educate Essay Contest Application

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Cell Phone () _____ - _____

Current High School _____

What grade are you in? _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

How did you hear about the *Write to Educate* essay contest? _____

Are you a LAFUCU member? (not required to apply) Yes _____ No _____

What college or university will you be attending? _____

*Applicant's signature _____ Date ___/___/___

*By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not plagiarized in any manner. You are also giving LAFUCU and the Lansing State Journal permission to use your name and/or photograph in marketing, media, and promotional materials, as well as the ability to publish your essay. Signature may be verified upon winning.

*Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/___

*If the student is under 18 years of age, the parent/guardian will need to sign giving LAFUCU permission to use the student's name and/or photograph in marketing, media and promotional materials. Signature may be verified upon winning.

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