

2019 Write to Educate Essay Contest

LAFCU is awarding two \$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 **Lansing Community College or Baker College** should apply.

The Lansing State Journal is a community sponsor of the 2019 Write to Educate Essay Contest. This year's winner(s) essays will be published in the Lansing State Journal.

TASK:

Write a one-page essay (typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, single spaced)

TOPIC:

- **Why is diversity important? How can you embrace and promote diversity in college?**

GRADING:

Students will be graded using a 1-5 point scale with the following criteria:

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

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED:

February 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

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.

WINNER:

The winner will be selected on Friday, April 12, 2019. 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 2019 Write to Educate scholarship winner. Please select from the following worthy organizations and briefly explain why you chose them:
 - Shiawassee Hope
 - Shiawassee Hope helps people in poverty build hope, skills, and motivation for improving their lives. Participants discover their strengths, receive resources, and meet people who can assist them in making connections to opportunities. They are also paired with a mentor called a Navigator who will assist them with removing barriers and opening up possibilities for their future.
 - Habitat for Humanity Capital Region
 - Habitat for Humanity Capital Region is a local nonprofit housing organization that works in partnership with volunteers and low-income citizens to create affordable homeownership opportunities. Habitat for Humanity also provides mentoring programs that assist people with household budgets, simple home maintenance, and construction repairs.
 - Haven House
 - Haven House provides emergency housing and support services for one-parent and two-parent families with children. The shelter helps families who are homeless prepare for permanent housing by developing and promoting self-sufficiency, stability, and financial responsibility. In addition to housing, residents receive meals, crisis counseling, and assistance with goal setting.

Explanation of Selection

Awarding of the Scholarship:

- The winner must be attending college in the state of Michigan and 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.

Employees of LAFCU and their immediate family members are excluded

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 LAFCU member? (not required to apply) Yes _____ No _____

What college 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 LAFCU 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 LAFCU 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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