



## **Southwestern Illinois Regional Leaders Scholarship 2021 Essay Contest**

The Southwestern Illinois Regional Leadership and Development Committee is awarding one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships to current high school seniors or college students who live in one of the following school districts: Chester, Steeleville, Coulterville, Sparta, Red Bud, Evansville or Marissa. Students can attend public or private high schools, accredited colleges or be a home-schooled student.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a submitted essay, with a scholarship review committee making the decision on the winning essays. Only those essays received by Friday, April 16, 2021, will be considered. Essays must be a minimum of 500 words and reflect on the following topic:

***"What have the challenges during a pandemic/quarantine brought you and what, in your opinion, are necessary characteristics of a good leader that are needed during these times of crisis?"***

Essays may be mailed to the address below, or submitted electronically to:

Mariah N. Bargman  
Community Relations Coordinator  
1900 State Street  
Chester, IL 62233  
618-826-4581 ext 1373  
mbargman@mhchester.com

Awards will be presented at respective school's honors nights in May.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 618-826-4581 ext. 1373 or via the e-mail address above. Essays received after the deadline will not be considered. Your name should appear only on the application and not on the essay.

Mariah N. Bargman, Community Relations  
Regional Leadership and Development Committee

**Southwestern Illinois  
Regional Leadership and Development Committee  
2020 Scholarship Application**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Currently Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**School District where applicant resides** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay must be typed and attached to this application form. The applicant's name MUST NOT appear on the essay. This will allow the essays to be judged without preferential treatment.**

**Essays must be received by Friday, April 16, 2021, for consideration for this award. E-mail submissions will be accepted.**