

COMPETITION INFORMATION

During the 2011-2012 Scholarship Essay Contest, five \$1000 American Mensa Member awards, namely, the Stacey Kirsch, David Felt, Harry Ringermacher, Caroline Mossip, and J. Gail McGrew, will be awarded to American Mensa Members or IRS dependent children of American Mensa Members. No one else is eligible to be considered for these awards.

Awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 words that describes the applicant's career, vocational, or academic goals. The eligibility requirements are that the applicant be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, and that an applicant currently be an **American Mensa member** or an IRS dependent child of an American Mensa member. That membership must continue into the next membership year. The awards are **unrestricted** as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average and financial need. Winners **MUST** provide proof of school enrollment for Fall/Spring 2012-2013 prior to payment of the award. Additionally, dependents of members must show proof of IRS dependency.

If the applicant would also like to be considered for the public national, regional, or local Mensa Foundation scholarship awards, the applicant must reside in a participating local group's area and submit a separate entry form and essay to the local competition address. All application forms are available at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships>. However, winners are only eligible to receive one foundation scholarship during a given competition year. If an applicant wins in both competitions, the one scholarship of higher monetary value will be awarded.

OTHER RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The applicant **must** be an American Mensa member or an IRS dependent of an American Mensa member. No one else is eligible to apply for these Mensa Member Awards.
2. The applicant must be intending to enroll in an accredited U.S. institution for the 2012-2013 academic year.
3. The essay must be the applicant's original work and no more than 550 words in length.
4. Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated as a single-sided document on white paper (20 lb) with double spacing. Leave at least 1" margins all around. Please do NOT staple pages and please use at least a 12 point font.
5. The applicant's name, address, or other identifying information **MUST NOT** be included in the essay or on the essay paper, front or back. Identifying information is to appear only on the application entry form.
6. The applicant must complete the information on page 1 of this form, sign where indicated, and submit the signed entry form along with the essay. Do not include anything else besides a stamped, addressed postcard if you want acknowledgement of receipt of your entry. Any other included materials will be discarded, and not be considered.
7. Materials must be **postmarked**, US Post Office **regular delivery**, no later than January 15, 2012. Metered mail received after the deadline and special delivery mail may not be accepted. The Mensa Foundation is not responsible for late delivery by and/or any other errors made by the US Post Office.
8. Do not contact the judges concerning this competition. Judging is done blind and without knowledge of who has entered the competition. Do not contact a scholarship chair about the competition beyond asking for a clarification of the rules. Such contacts may disqualify you from the competition.

Only essays that conform to the conditions, rules and guidelines will be considered. Blind judging will be done and submissions cannot be returned. For proof of receipt of your submission, enclose a self-addressed, stamped (SAS) postcard. Winners will be notified by mail by the end of June 2012. A list of winners' names and hometowns will be posted at <http://www.mensafoundation.org> by the end of June 2012. *No materials other than the essay, the entry form, and optional proof of receipt are to be submitted.* The decision of the judges is final.

JUDGING WILL EMPHASIZE a goal statement that includes specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal, persuasiveness (e.g., how your past achievements/experiences and your future planning increase the probability of reaching your goal), why you think that you will succeed, and also grammar, spelling, and punctuation.



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Mensa Education and Research Foundation

2011 – 2012 Mensa Member Scholarship Entry Form

Please complete the entry form below. This entry form **MUST** be typed or printed legibly and signed below.

NAME			AGE
LEGAL ADDRESS (Required)			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE ()
EMAIL ADDRESS (If any)			
PRESENT ADDRESS (If different from above)			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE ()
Only Mensa members or their dependents are eligible to apply for this Mensa Member Scholarship.			
Check one (Required): <input type="checkbox"/> I am an American Mensa Member			
<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Dependent of an American Mensa Member			
If IRS Dependent of Member: Parent Name			
American Mensa Member Number (Required for application to be considered)			
PRESENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (Circle one) High School College 1 2 3 4 Graduate School			
DEGREE PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED IN FOR Fall 2012 (check one):			
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE <input type="checkbox"/> BACHELORS <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERS <input type="checkbox"/> DOCTORATE			
DEGREE MAJOR:			
Name and address of school presently attending:			
Name and address of school to be attending in Fall 2012 if different than above and known:			

See Page 2 for competition information, as well as guidelines and rules of the competition.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

I certify that either I am currently an **American Mensa member** or an **IRS dependent of an American Mensa member**. Also, the eligible Mensa membership will not lapse on March 31, 2012.

I certify that the accompanying essay is solely my own work, that I have read and understand the **rules and conditions set forth on page 2** and that I agree to accept the decisions of the judges as final. I understand that any award may be revoked for failure to provide appropriate documentation regarding educational status.

I understand that Mensa Education and Research Foundation (Foundation) is not responsible for late delivery or other errors by the U.S. Post Office. I agree that Mensa or the Foundation may print my essay in or on any Mensa publication or web site, may submit appropriate publicity releases to the media, and may post results on any Mensa web site. All essays become the property of the Foundation and cannot be returned.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2012.

Send completed entry form and essay to:

**Mensa Foundation Scholarships
PO Box 1371
Stone Mountain, GA 30086-1371**