

\$8,000.00 Scholarship Contest of 2019

(10 winners - Open to ALL members - any grade!)

ONE TOP AWARD of \$2000.00 will be granted for excellence in performance in this contest. THREE \$1,000.00 awards will go to Runners-up, and SIX \$500.00 awards will go to Finalists!

Drug Free Clubs of America Essay Scholarship Contest details and formatting – (no exceptions):

- **By midnight 4/5/19** submit an essay in response to the information in the blue box below, along with this completed application, **to your school's DFCA coordinator**. Hard copy or electronic submissions are acceptable. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Essays must be a one-page, typed, single-spaced, 1-inch margins, Arial font size no bigger than 12.
- The DFCA member's grade, school, and name must be at the top of the essay answer.
- Qualifying essays will first be read and judged by the school. The top entry will be submitted by the school as a "Semi-Finalist" to DFCA's central office electronically by midnight on 4/19/19.
- DFCA staff will cover the member's school and name (grade remains) then distribute them to judges.
- Essays receiving the most votes by judges will win.
- Winners will be announced on or before 5/15/19.
- Scholarship awards come in check form, payable to the member and the parent on the contest application. The check may be cashed and used for any education expenses such as tuition, fees, equipment, books, supplies, (in accordance to IRS code 117).

In the past decade, e-cigarettes (vaping, JUULing) have become a more than \$1 billion industry in the United States. Recent surveys show dramatic increases each year in the number of teens who have tried an e-cigarette, as well as in the number who have used them in the past month. Sadly, this is at a time when smoking traditional tobacco cigarettes is at an all-time low among students. Since teen brains are still developing, they are especially susceptible to the addictive effects of nicotine (and other drugs as well). Once someone is addicted to nicotine, it's very hard to quit.

Submit an essay with 3 parts:

- Write briefly about your own experience and attitude toward e-cigarettes (vaping, "Juuling", etc).*
- Reveal a surprising misconception or fact on any aspect of this topic (health, marketing tactics, effect on others, etc.) Be sure to let us know where the information came from.*
- Tell us something specific that could be done by teens, companies, and/or schools to make sure teens know the truth about item you revealed in B.*

Agreement (Must be complete and submitted with essay by midnight 4/5/19):

I, _____ (PRINT DFCA Member's name)

- Understand that I can only receive award funds if I am an active member of DFCA throughout the *entire* contest period (including the judging and winner announcements).
- Promise that everything in the application and essay is true and is my original work.
- Am aware that in consideration of the opportunity to enter the DFCA Essay Scholarship Contest, all contest entries and applications become the property of Drug Free Clubs of America and will be copied and/or reproduced as needed. DFCA may use any combination of my name, photograph and content of all contest documents submitted for promotional and publicity purposes.
- Agree that all decisions made by Drug Free Clubs of America and/or the Essay Scholarship Award judges are final and may not be contested.

Member Sign & PRINT NAME _____

Grade _____ School _____ Parent Phone _____

Parent/Guardian consents to all above (Printed Name) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ DATE _____