

Human Relations Commission

CITY OF RIVERSIDE: DIVERSE COMMUNITY ESSAY CONTEST

The Human Relations Commission of the City of Riverside is pleased to announce an essay contest for all high school seniors in the City of Riverside. The essay concerns the topic of diversity. Essays must be thoughtful and well written. Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, ability and writing skills. The Human Relations Commission will award three college scholarships of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 for first, second and third place, respectively.

This year, the City of Riverside will grant three (3) scholarships.

I. TOPIC

How have you experienced diversity in the City of Riverside? Do you think Riverside is diverse? If so, in what significant ways? If you do not think Riverside is diverse, why not and in what ways? What have been the advantages and/or disadvantages for you of the diversity or lack of diversity you have experienced?

II. ENTRIES

- All entries must be related to the topic specified above.
- The essay should be no more than 3 pages, neatly typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced with 1.25 inch left and right margins, page numbers, printed and stapled upon completion.
- Students may look to history in order to understand what it would be like to live in a segregated or homogeneous community.
- Copyrighted materials must be properly cited (MLA or APA format.)
- Contestants under the age of 18 must have their submission forms signed by a parent or guardian.

III. ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be high school seniors either attending school or home-schooled in the City of Riverside.

IV. AWARDS

- **1st Place:** \$1,000 college scholarship and an opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event, November 14, 2013.
- **2nd Place:** \$750 college scholarship and an opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event, November 14, 2013.
- **3rd Place:** \$500 college scholarship and an opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event, November 14, 2013.

V. INSTRUCTIONS

Application deadline: October 24, 2013, 4 PM

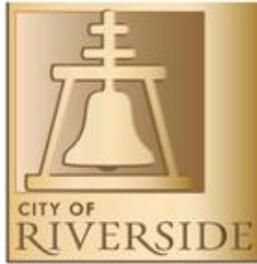
Required Documents

- Completed and signed 2-page application form
- An official transcript including most recent grades
- One letter of recommendation from an adult who is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, community service, and involvement in school activities.
- Essay
- Parents' signature on submission form(s) if under 18.

Incomplete applications cannot be considered

Submit completed entries to

*Attn: Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Office, c/o Darlene Elliot
3900 Main St.
Riverside, CA 92522*



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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Male ___ Female ___

E-mail address: _____

II. FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Father ___ Mother ___

III. SCHOOL / TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION:

- High School senior currently attending school and planning to attend college the following school year.
- Home-schooled senior and planning to attend college the following school year.

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

NOTE: A transcript must be attached to this application.

IV. CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide one letter of recommendation from an adult who is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, community service, and involvement in school activities. This letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope and attached to a completed “Confidential Letter of Recommendation Form” on page 5 of this scholarship application packet.

V. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

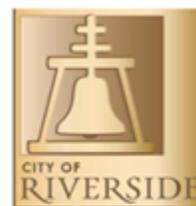
I understand that grant funds will be awarded upon provision of proof of enrollment at College or University.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____



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Confidential Letter of Recommendation Form

Completed scholarship application must include one letter of recommendation from an adult who is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, community service, and involvement in school activities. This letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope, signed across seal, and attached to a completed "Confidential Letter of Recommendation Form."

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

To Applicant:

Give this form to the person who will complete your letter of recommendation.

To Reference:

Scholarship applicants will be judged on a variety of criteria, including academic ability and achievement, leadership qualities, participation in extracurricular school activities, commitment to the community, and character and determination.

Please give us your personal impression of the candidate's academic ability, leadership qualities and promise of productive scholarship.

Please provide your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope, signature across seal, attached to this form.

Mail it to: Attn: Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Office, c/o Darlene Elliot
3900 Main St.
Riverside, CA 92522

Name of Reference: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received: _____	Application is: <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete
Counselor Approval: _____	Date: _____