

*Human Relations Commission*

## **CITY OF RIVERSIDE: DIVERSE COMMUNITY ESSAY CONTEST CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY**

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 topic relates to the issue 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) different scholarships.**

### **I. ESSAY TOPIC**

How do you define diversity and do you consider Riverside a diverse community? If so, how? If not, why not? What has been your experience living in Riverside, given your views on its diversity or lack of diversity? What are the advantages and/or disadvantages of living in a diverse community?

### **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 community.
- Copyrighted materials must be properly cited (MLA or APA format.)
- Contestants under the age of 18 must have their submissions 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.
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher or be able to show equivalent achievement by submitting the last two years of the applicants GPA.

#### IV. AWARDS

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$1,000 college scholarship and an opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event December 6, 2012.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$750 college scholarship and opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event December 6, 2012.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$500 college scholarship and opportunity to be recognized at the annual Human Relations Commission Heroes event December 6, 2012.

#### V. INSTRUCTIONS

**Application deadline: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 4 PM**

##### **Required Documents**

- Completed and signed 2-page application form
- A transcript including most recent grades
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor who is not also a parent.
- Essay
- Parents' signature on submission form(s) if under 18.

*Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

***Submit completed entries to:***

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



**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.

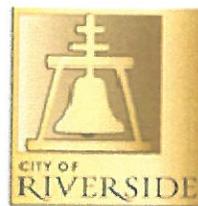
I understand that grant funds will be awarded upon provision of proof of enrollment at College or University.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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