

Delaware Association of School Administrators Scholarship Contest for Prospective Educators

1. **Purposes:**

- Show future education students as talented, mature people dedicated to improving our community.
- Encourage students' long-range commitment to education.
- Develop good will for education and administrators.

2. **Eligible:**

- Any Delaware High School senior who has applied and is likely to be accepted as an education major in college.
- Students in schools that have an administrator who is a DASA Member in the school where the student attends.
- All schools may submit two essays; schools with 250 twelfth grade students may submit three essays; schools with 300 or more may submit four essays. Should the school receive more than the number allowed, we ask that the school select the best and forward them to us. The high school is responsible for submitting ONLY the number of essays allowed based on the number of high school seniors in their school.

3. **Required from students:**

- Submit 300-500 word essay on "Why I Chose Education as My Career Field"; it must be typed or written legibly in ink.
- Submit a statement declaring that the essay is the student's work; grant DASA permission to reprint the essay for non-commercial uses.
- Provide a statement of intent to apply for college and agreement to submit verification of acceptance once obtained.
- Provide completed information on Form A.
- Provide a statement of prior experiences in working with children on Form B.

4. **Required from school administration:**

- Notation that student is eligible for the award and that school officials have no reason to doubt it is bona fide work.
- Name and signature of the high school **DASA** Member from the school that the student is attending.

5. **Judging procedures:**

A. DASA spells out criteria:

- Realistic understanding of the challenges of working in education.
- A strong personal commitment to the field.
- Originality

- Clarity and force of expression
- Overall effect of essay: "Does it generate good will for educators?"

B. Three judges:

- 1 representative of DASA
- 1 from State Teachers of English
- 1 from DSEA

C. Essays are submitted to the DASA office by the official closing date, logged, verified, copied and mailed with score sheet to judges

6. **After announcement of selection:**

- Award could be presented at high school graduation exercises.
- Essay will be shared at DASA Annual Award's Luncheon; the winner and parents are invited.
- Essay may be printed in a DASA publication.

7. **Follow up:**

- DASA sends letters to all entrants.
- DASA makes payment to college once student's confirmation is received.
- DASA keeps track of top five finalists in case apparent winner fails to qualify.

8. **Schedule:**

<u>January</u> -	DASA sends flyers announcing the contest to secondary schools citing a reply date of May 31, 2020
<u>March</u> -	DASA records all entrants, verifies entrants, produces scorecards and copies essays for mailing to the judges.
<u>April</u> -	Judges return score cards and meet if necessary to decide winner(s); DASA arranges announcement and presentation.

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