

Vicksburg-Warren County Board of REALTORS®
2010 Scholarship
Official Rules/Guidelines

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduating high school senior residing within Warren County, Mississippi planning to enroll full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2010-2011 academic year
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Employees and members of the Vicksburg-Warren County Board of REALTORS® (the Board) and their dependants are not eligible.

Essay Requirements

- Topic is "How is your credit crucial to buying a home?"
- Essay must be less than 1,000 words in length, written in English, typed using 12-point font, double spaced.
- **Do not** put any personal identifying information on the essay, such as your name, school, etc.
- Essay must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or any third party copyrighted material.

Scholarship Award

- One (1), \$1000 scholarship will be awarded and paid by the Vicksburg-Warren County Board of REALTORS®.
- The winner will be notified April 16, 2010.
- Acceptance of the scholarship shall constitute permission for the Board to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation.
- Winning essay may be published in the Board's Real Estate Marketplace and the Board's web site.
- All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Disbursement of funds is contingent upon winner providing the Board with proof of enrollment at a qualified school in the Fall of 2010.

Submission Requirements

- Applications must be sent via U.S. Mail and postmarked by April 01, 2010.
- Scholarship application must be completely filled out and submitted with an essay.
- Only one application and essay may be submitted per person.
- Any essay not within these guidelines will be ineligible for the scholarship.
- This is an essay contest and not a lottery. It is void where prohibited or restricted by law or ordinance.
- All entries become the property of the Board and cannot be returned.
- All information is subject to verification.
- The Board is not responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected or arrive with postage due.

Essay Criteria & Evaluation Process

- The scholarship committee will determine eligibility based on the information in the application and essay.
- Judges will see no identifying information about entrants.
- Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria: Does the essay address the assigned topic? Does the essay display originality? Does the essay possess clear writing skill, including spelling and grammar?
- All decisions will be final.

How to Submit an Application Package

- Applications can be obtained at the Vicksburg-Warren County Board of REALTORS® office and web site, www.VicksburgRealtors.com, High School Counselor's Office or can be mailed upon request: 601-638-6667.
- Mail the completed application with signature of school official and your essay in a sealed envelope to: Scholarship Committee, Vicksburg Warren County-Board of REALTORS®, 1204 Mission Park Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180

