

TO: High School Guidance Counselors

FROM: Susan Higgins
Henderson County Republican Central Committee

RE: HENDERSON COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Enclosed are the guidelines for the \$1,000 Scholarship available from the Henderson County Republican Women's Club and the Central Committee.

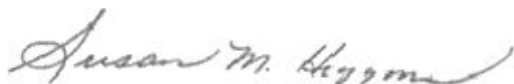
Please make copies of the information, as needed. It is imperative that entries are **returned to me by April 5, 2024.**

When returning entries, please use **one** of the following methods:

- 1) DROP OFF entries at my Biggsville office at 204 East Main Street
- 2) EMAIL entries to: dutton@westernillinoistitle.com
- 3) MAIL entries to: Susan Higgins, PO Box 18, Biggsville, Illinois 61418

If you have any questions, please contact me at **319-759-5185**.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Higgins

2024 Scholarship Available from the
HENDERSON COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

A \$1,000 Scholarship is available from the Henderson County Central Committee and Republican Women's Club. In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a Henderson County resident and a senior in high school. The applicant must complete an application, provide a copy of their school transcript, and submit an essay of 500 - 750 words on the topic provided on the application form. Applications are available at the High School Guidance Counselor's office and must be turned in to that office by the end of the day, on **Monday, April 1, 2024**. For further information, please contact Susan Higgins at **319-759-5185**.

Tickets will be given to the winning scholarship recipient and his/her parent(s), to attend the Family Picnic to be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Delabar State Park in Oquawka, Illinois. We would like for our Scholarship recipient to read their submitted essay that night, if possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 1, 2024: | Students must turn in essay packet to Guidance Counselor by end of day |
| April 5, 2024: | Guidance Counselor must deliver entries to Susan Higgins by one of three methods (drop off, email or regular mail – see details in this packet) |
| April 10, 2024: | Entries are judged and Susan will contact students/parents regarding scholarship winner within a couple of days |
| August 25, 2024: | Winner will read essay at Henderson County Central Committee Family Picnic |

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF HENDERSON
COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Your Email: _____

School Year: _____ Grade Point Average: _____
(Please provide copy of school transcript)

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Plans for upcoming school year: _____

In 500 - 750 words, respond to the following essay topic:

Presidential Elections: What are its strengths and weaknesses?

Please submit your essay to the school counselor no later than April 5, 2024

Scholarship Entries

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Comments/Notes</u>
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Scholarship Essay Rubric

Traits	4	3	2	1
Focus & Details	There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas are clear and are well supported by detailed and accurate information.	There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas are clear but are not well supported by detailed information.	There is one topic. Main ideas are somewhat clear.	The topic and main ideas are not clear.
Organization	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the paper. Information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong.	The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the paper. A conclusion is included.	The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included.	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.
Voice	The author's purpose of writing is very clear, and there is strong evidence of attention to audience. The author's extensive knowledge and/or experience with the topic is/are evident.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is some evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is/are evident.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is/are limited.	The author's purpose of writing is unclear.
Word Choice	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words seems accurate, natural, and not forced.	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words is inaccurate at times and/or seems overdone.	The author uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety.	The writer uses a limited vocabulary. Jargon or clichés may be present and detract from the meaning.
Sentence Structure, Grammar, Mechanics and Spelling	All sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	Most sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	Most sentences are well constructed, but they have a similar structure and/or length. The author makes several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	Sentences sound awkward, are distractingly repetitive, or are difficult to understand. The author makes numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.
Reviewer's Comments				