

2023 MERCER COUNTY JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP

The Mercer County Jaycees is offering at least one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is a resident of the Mercer County School District. The winner will be determined by a ballot of the Mercer County Jaycees' general membership. The ballot will be based upon the content and quality of submitted essays. The scholarship will be presented to the winner in the form of a check made out to the individual. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in the Mercer County School District
- Have formal plans to pursue a post-secondary degree
- Meet Illinois High School graduation requirements
- Must graduate from high school in 2023
- Must submit an essay by the deadline of **May 1st, 2023**.

In order to ensure objective judgment by the selection committee, the essay must be submitted in the following manner:

- You must remain anonymous - don't put your name in or on the essay
- Typed on standard white copy paper using a standard font and text size, and be double-spaced
- Essay content must not make specific reference to yourself or your family
- Essay should be approximately 750 - 1000 words

Include a brief biography (separated from essay) with your name and age, describe where you attend school, your favorite classes and extracurricular activities, and your post-high school plans.

SUBMISSION OF ESSAY

1. Staple essay on top of biographical sheet
2. Mail to: Mercer County Jaycees- PO BOX 97 Aledo, IL 61231
3. You can put a return address on the envelope, but please don't include your Name.
4. Improperly submitted essays will be disqualified
5. Essays received after **May 1st** will not be considered.

(Please see below/back for essay details)

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We believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

Essay Theme:

As is indicated by the last line of the Jaycees' creed, service to humanity is something that our organization believes is greatly important. Please discuss your previous community service efforts, how you plan on continuing your involvement in the near future, and how you feel this service benefits the community as a whole.