Black Scholars Planning Committee Essay Contest

The Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars Planning Committee Essay Contest is open to graduating Black Scholars. The winner of the contest will receive an award at the annual Salute to Black Scholars Dinner, the second Tuesday in June. The media and the winner’s school district will be notified. The winning essay will appear in the Rochester Urban League’s publications.

INSTRUCTIONS:

• Write a 400-600 word essay on one of the following topics:
  o Describe your educational goals and the unique contribution you envision making to help others.
  o How an African American role model has inspired you to help others.

• The essay should be the scholar’s original work prepared specifically for the Essay Contest. (Papers and essays prepared for other purposes are not eligible for submission.
• Entry must be double-spaced and typewritten.
• Use 10 or 12 point font size

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essay will be evaluated on:

• Creativity
• Originality
• Soundness of ideas and content
• Quality of the writing (grammar, syntax, organization)
• Adhering to contest instructions

DEADLINE

Entries must be hand delivered to the Urban League of Rochester or postmarked on or before MARCH 31st. Faxed or late submissions will not be accepted or evaluated. All essays must be submitted with a completed ENTRY FORM and delivered or mailed to:

Ms. Annette Rouse, Coordinator
Salute to Black Scholars Program
Urban League of Rochester
265 North Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14605
(585) 325-6530, ext. 3082

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ENTRY FORM

To be considered for the BSPC Essay Contest Award, Black Scholars must complete and submit this form along with your essay. Application deadline is **March 31st.**

Name_________________________________________ Date______________________

Parent(s) Name_____________________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

Phone Number____________________________________________________________

High School_____________________________________________________________

Advisor/Counselor’s Name_______________________________________________________

Briefly describe your plans for next year:

Signature______________________________________________________________________________

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