

Southern Nevada Mensa

2012 – 2013 Scholarship Essay Contest Entry Form

Please complete the entry form below. This entry form **MUST** be typed or printed legibly and signed below.

NAME	AGE
LEGAL ADDRESS (Required)	
CITY	STATE
ZIP	PHONE ()
EMAIL ADDRESS (If any)	
PRESENT ADDRESS (If different from above)	
CITY	STATE
ZIP	PHONE ()
PRESENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (Circle one) High School College 1 2 3 4 Graduate School	
DEGREE PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED IN FOR Fall 2012 (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE <input type="checkbox"/> BACHELORS <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERS <input type="checkbox"/> DOCTORATE	
DEGREE MAJOR:	
Name and address of school presently attending:	
Name and address of school to be attending in Fall 2012 if different than above and known:	

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 words that describes the applicant’s career, vocational or academic goals. It is NOT necessary that the applicant be a member of Mensa. The eligibility requirements are that the applicant be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, and reside in the domain of Southern Nevada Mensa (ZIP codes 86400-86434, 86436-86499 or 89000-89299). The general awards are unrestricted as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average or financial need. Winners **MUST** provide proof of school enrollment for Fall/Spring 2012-2013 prior to payment of the award.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

I certify that the accompanying essay is solely my own work, that I have read and understand the rules and conditions set forth on Page 2 and have met all of them. I agree to accept the decisions of the judges as final. I understand that any award may be revoked for failure to provide appropriate documentation regarding educational status.

I understand that Southern Nevada Mensa is not responsible for late delivery or other errors by the U.S. Post Office. I agree that Southern Nevada Mensa may print my essay in any Mensa publication, may submit appropriate publicity releases to the media and may post my essay and contest results on any Mensa web site. All essays become the property of Mensa and cannot be returned.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE May 24, 2012

Send completed entry form (both pages) and essay to:

M. Russell Bakke
 2813 Brianwood Court
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89134
 rbakke1@gmail.com

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must currently reside in one of the following zip codes:

86400 - 86434 86436 - 86499 89000 - 89299

Only one entry is allowed per student to this public award competition.

2. The applicant must be intending to enroll in an accredited U.S. institution for the 2012-2013 academic year.

3. The essay must be the applicant's original work and no more than 550 words in length.

4. Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated as a single-sided document on white paper (20 lb.) with **double spacing**. Leave at least 1" margins all around. Please do **NOT** staple pages and please use at least a 12 point font.

5. The applicant's name, address or other identifying information **MUST NOT** be included in the essay or on the essay paper, front or back. Identifying information is to appear only on the application entry form.

6. The applicant must complete the information on Page 1 of this form, sign where indicated and submit the signed entry form along with the essay. Do not include anything else besides a stamped, self-addressed postcard if you want acknowledgement of receipt of your entry. Any other included materials will be discarded and not be considered.

7. Materials must be **postmarked, regular US Post Office delivery**, no later than May 24, 2012. Metered mail received after the deadline and special delivery mail may not be accepted. Southern Nevada Mensa is not responsible for late delivery and/or any other error made by the US Post Office.

8. Do not contact the judges concerning this competition. Judging is done blind and without knowledge of who has entered the competition. Do not contact the scholarship chair about the competition beyond asking for a clarification of the rules. Such contacts may disqualify you from the competition. Only essays that conform to the rules and guidelines will be considered. Submissions cannot be returned. Winners will be notified by mail by the end of June 2012. *No materials other than the essay, the entry form and optional proof of receipt are to be submitted.* The decision of the judges is final.

JUDGING WILL EMPHASIZE a goal statement that includes specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal, persuasiveness (e.g., how your past achievements/experiences and your future planning increase the probability of reaching your goal), why you believe you will succeed, as well as grammar, spelling and punctuation.