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Chancellor's Breakfast

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LONE STAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION MISSION

The Lone Star College Foundation's mission is to change lives through student scholarships and quality educational programs achieved by excellence in relationship building, fundraising, and investment management.

CHANCELLOR'S BREAKFAST

The Chancellor's Breakfast is one of the Foundation's most important events each year – it is a chance to let donors know that their contributions make a difference in the lives of students and to express appreciation for their partnership and support. Thank you for helping select and prepare the men and women who will tell their stories on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Essay coordinators are charged with the important task of helping the students to prepare for this event, including coaching for presenting the essay and proper attire. These students may be asked to participate in Foundation and college events during the Spring 2019 semester, including but not limited to filming for promotional uses, sports events, special panels and other presentations. Please select someone that is willing and able to participate in these type of activities.

EVENT DETAILS

26th Annual Chancellor's Breakfast
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
8 a.m.

Lone Star College-System Office, The Woodlands | Community Building
5000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381

STUDENT BENEFIT

The Chancellor's Breakfast is a great opportunity for students to be recognized for their efforts as well as to represent each college. Another added benefit is the ability for donors to hear how their financial contributions have made a difference in the lives of Lone Star College students. Many times an Essay Contest Finalist is selected to speak at other Lone Star College events that develop their self-confidence and their public presentation skills.

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PROMOTING THE CONTEST

Winner's name and other documentation are due to the Foundation by **Friday, December 7, 2018** (more details on the following pages). Each college should set a deadline of **Friday, November 16, 2018** for students to submit essays for evaluation, which will allow a few weeks for your screening committee to review and select a winner. You are encouraged to create whatever you believe to encourage the most students to apply. Please use your college marketing department to assist with this.

SELECTION PROCESS

Also attached is an evaluation rubric to assist with the selection process. Please make sure the selection committee includes at least four or five LSC faculty or staff members. The essay should be judged on writing style, grammar, form, and inspiration/student success. In addition, please check with the college president, as some may want to have a role in the final selection. One of your finalists will represent your college at the Chancellor's Breakfast.

A finalist will be selected from each college location, including centers,* and all finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This award is to be used for the student's next full-time semester (preferably Spring 2019) for tuition, books and fees. No winner can receive money after Fall 2019 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Foundation.

The Chancellor and/or Foundation will then select a finalist to represent each college, six in total, who will read their essay at the Chancellor's Breakfast on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

DEADLINE

The deadline to electronically submit all information to the Foundation is **Friday, December 7, 2018** at 5 p.m. Please include the student's name, residential address, day and evening telephone numbers, the essay, and a recent photograph suitable for publication and submit the information to **Fiona.A.Burnett@LoneStar.edu**.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important process!

* One finalist will be selected from each of the following: LSC-CyFair, LSC-Cypress Center, LSC-Fairbanks Center, LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Atascocita Center, LSC-Process Technology Center, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-Conroe Center, LSC-North Harris, LSC-Greenspoint Center, LSC-Victory Center, LSC-Tomball, LSC-Creekside Center and LSC-University Park.

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ESSAY TOPIC/THEME

"How my Lone Star College experience has influenced my life."

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be enrolled full-time or hours required by their Health Occupations program in credit classes at one of the college locations listed below and have successfully earned their high school diploma or their GED certification.
- Students can apply at one of the following college locations and it must be the college at which they take the most courses or the one they consider to be their "home" campus.
 - ▶ LSC-CyFair, LSC-Cypress Center, LSC-Fairbanks Center
 - ▶ LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Atascocita Center, LSC-Process Technology Center
 - ▶ LSC-Montgomery, LSC-Conroe Center
 - ▶ LSC-North Harris, LSC-Greenspoint Center, LSC-Victory Center
 - ▶ LSC-Tomball, LSC-Creekside Center
 - ▶ LSC-University Park
- Students should not already have a degree but should be working towards their first credential or degree.
- A prior winner cannot win again.

WRITER'S GUIDELINES

- The essay should highlight and detail how the impact of the student's educational experience has shaped and directed his/her life.
- The submission should not exceed two (2) typed pages, properly formatted and doubled-spaced.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Expressive writing style, grammar, form, and inspiration/student success should be taken into consideration. (see evaluation rubric)

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FINALISTS

- A finalist will be selected from each college location, including centers,* and all finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a certificate of recognition from the Lone Star College Foundation.
- The scholarship is to be utilized during the student's next full-time semester, preferably Spring 2019 but no later than Fall 2019.
- An essay finalist will then be selected to represent each college and will read his/her essay at the Chancellor's Breakfast on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in the Community Building at LSC-System Office, The Woodlands commencing at 8 a.m. Finalists may also be asked to participate in other Lone Star College events during the spring semester.
- All finalists will be invited to the event and can bring one guest, however only the selected student from each college, six in total, will be speaking.

FINALIST'S INFORMATION AND CONTEST QUESTIONS

Each college must submit its finalist's essay and contact information (name, address, phone numbers and a recent photograph suitable for publication) to the Foundation at **Fiona.A.Burnett@LoneStar.edu** on or before Friday, December 7, 2018. Please design flyers, posters, etc. to advertise and promote your college deadlines.

If you have questions, please contact Fiona Burnett at **Fiona.A.Burnett@LoneStar.edu** or 832.813.6337.

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Student Essay Contest EVALUATION



STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST EVALUATION RUBRIC

Please review each essay and score it based on the evaluation criteria below. Use a range of 1 – 5 points for each criterion and add for the total scores.

Reviewer: _____

ESSAY NUMBER	WRITING STYLE	GRAMMAR	FORM	INSPIRATIONAL/ STUDENT SUCCESS	WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES	TOTAL SCORE
1						
2						
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Please make sure that your winner is willing to participate in the Chancellor’s Breakfast, filming and various other promotional activities, and social events that the Foundation and Lone Star College hosts.