

Ammons Scholars Program



We are pleased to announce the first annual Ammons Scholars program for distribution of four \$20,000 college scholarships. The scholarships will be disbursed at \$5,000 each year for four years of college provided that the recipient conforms to the requirements set forth in the award. The scholarships are donated by Houston attorney Rob Ammons. The first annual Ammons Scholarships will be awarded in 2007 to students who participated in an Aspiring Youth After-School Program for at-risk youth.

Who can participate in the scholarship competition? All alumni of an Aspiring Youth After-School Program in Houston, Texas, who are now seniors in high school, are qualified to apply to be an Ammons Scholar. Any relative of an Aspiring Youth of Houston employee, board member, or volunteer is not eligible.

How to enter the contest? To be considered, Aspiring Youth students should submit a 250-500 words essay on the topic: **Explain why a college degree will help me be successful in life and why an Ammons Scholarship is important to achieving that dream of attending college.** Please include your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and high school. Please provide a list of the colleges to which you are applying and a general description of any financial challenges that you have to pay for college. To apply for a scholarship, you must have a minimum SAT score of 900 (on the Math and Critical Reading portions combined), and/or ACT score of 18. The new writing section of the SAT will be considered, but not in figuring the SAT minimum.

What are the criteria for judging? The essays will be evaluated on (1) compelling argument, (2) good grammar and correct spelling, and (3) writing ability. You are encouraged to type your essay. All essays must be submitted in English. Any translations must be done by the student.

Where do I send the essay? Send your essay by mail to Aspiring Youth of Houston, 6250 Westpark Dr., Suite 217, Houston, TX 77057, or by fax to (713) 334-3366, or by hand delivery to an Aspiring Youth employee.

When is the essay due? Aspiring Youth of Houston must receive the essay by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007** (a postmark on that date does not qualify, as the completed application has to be received by that date).

What are the requirements to receive the scholarship? The Ammons Scholarship recipients must attend an accredited college or university and must be registered as a full-time student in good standing.

When will the scholarships be announced and awarded? The students with the winning essays will be announced by **Wednesday, May 16, 2007**. The scholarships will be paid directly to the college for tuition when the student begins college. If tuition is less than \$5,000 per year, the remainder will revert back to the Ammons Scholarship fund. If a student does not begin college by the spring of 2008, the scholarship funds will revert back to the Ammons Scholarship fund and may be awarded to another recipient.

Who will judge the essays? Rob Ammons and his designated judges will evaluate and select the winning essays at his sole discretion.

Ownership of student essays? All student essays submitted in this contest are deemed a “work made for hire” under U.S. copyright law as a work specially commissioned for use as a collective work. Entrants and their parents/guardians transfer all rights and title to the essays to Aspiring Youth of Houston and Rob Ammons.

What if we have questions? If you have questions, please contact Aspiring Youth of Houston at (713) 334-3330. For general information about the Ammons Law Firm, please see the web site at www.ammonsllaw.com. For general information about Aspiring Youth of Houston, please see the web site at www.aspiringyouth.org.

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