



2010 LOT Senior Scholarship Essay Contest

Eligibility:

This essay contest is open to current high school seniors (graduating in 2010) who have participated in the LOT Program for at least 1 year. Students must have been active members of a LOT Chapter Program for at least 1 year. Graduating seniors who have previously received 2 or more National LOT Essay Scholarships are *not* eligible to apply.

Competition Deadline:

The contest application and scholarship must be received ***no later than Friday, July 23rd to be eligible.***

Essay Instructions:

All essay submissions must follow the following guidelines:

- Typed & single spaced
- 12 pt font (Times New Roman)
- 1 inch margins
- 2 page minimum - 4 page maximum

Essays will be judged by the following criteria:

- Coherence (are your recommendations feasible?)
- Analysis of the topic (Have you considered multiple points of view and options?)
- Organization (does your paper flow smoothly and transition well from one thought to the next?)
- Correct spelling & punctuation

Selection Process:

Essays will be anonymously evaluated utilizing the aforementioned guidelines and criteria outlined above. The following representatives will evaluate student essays:

1 NBMBA Foundation representative

1 NBMBAA Board Member

1 LOT Case Competition representative

2 National Black MBA Association staff members

Awards:

Up to 25 graduating seniors (2010) will receive a \$1,000 award, if their essay is selected. Awards will be announced by Friday, August 27th. *Awardees may redeem their scholarship dollars after submitting a request, via email to lot@nbmbaa.org, with the information listed below.* (Please note that awards are generally processed 4 – 6 weeks after receipt of request; awards will not be sent to the financial aid office; checks are prepared in the student's name only.)

1. Proof of enrollment in a school of higher education
2. Student's parent contact information (name(s), home address, email and phone number(s)), student's contact information (email address and cell number) and school information (School name and address)

Essay Question

There has been much discussion about the high drop-out rate among high school students and the need for school reform. Drop-out rates are particularly high in the African American community. What specific recommendations would you make to decrease the drop-out rate? Please provide examples of your recommendations.

ESSAY APPLICATION

(Please complete the application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be accepted)

Student Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) & Phone number(s) _____

LOT Chapter: _____ Date of Birth: _____

What is the name of the high school from which you will graduate? _____

What is your GPA? _____ What are your SAT and/or ACT Scores? _____

How long have you been a participant of LOT? _____

In what other extracurricular activities do you participate? (i.e., soccer, debate team, Rotary Club, Key Club, Spanish club, Jack & Jill, 100 Black Men mentoring recipient, etc.) _____

Please identify which national activities have you participated and the year of participation. (Leadership Camp, National Case Competition or National LOT® Conference) _____

To which colleges and universities have you applied? (school name, city and state) _____

What will be your major in college? _____

Are you interested in entrepreneurship for now or in the future? _____