



SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR INCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMEN Breakthrough National Website Enables Citizen Guidance in D.C.

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ourvoiceourcountry.org, a non-partisan, educational civic action program that went online in February will provide a \$1,000 Scholarship to the winner of an online competition taking place from June 15-August 17.

Incoming college freshmen from across the USA will 'Recommend Topics' and 'ProblemSolvers' at the non-profit site - leading to 'ProblemSolver Solutions' being posted by the ProblemSolvers that participants recommend.

Public ratings at the site and an impartial Selection Committee will choose the winner. In September, **Our Voice Our Country** plans to deliver the award to the winning college freshman.

In addition to other publicity, this opportunity is being posted on their website and emailed by *We The People* (www.civiced.org) to 100,000 college-bound high school seniors, their teachers, guidance counselors and administrators in every state. The email recipients are long-time participants in *We The People's* program, funded by the US Department of Education.

This will be an opportunity for participants to express their concerns, to give visibility to those ready to provide answers, and to see 'what flies' in the court of public opinion. Participants can register at the site as of June 15th at 9 a.m.

Our Voice Our Country was developed with input and guidance from Walter Cronkite, Ruby Dee, Joanne Woodward, Yolanda King, Jane Alexander, judges, professors, lawyers, students, senior citizens, soldiers, current and retired politicians, leaders of national non-partisan organizations and dozens of blue and white collar workers of all political parties, from across the Country.



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Eligibility

- Registered, incoming college freshmen who are U.S. citizens -- at any accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- Immediate family members of *Our Voice Our Country* employees, interns, volunteers or board members are not eligible.

Selection Criteria

- Entries should not be duplicative of prior, existing Recommended Topics, Problem-Solvers and ProblemSolver Solutions.
- At least one of the participant's three ProblemSolver nominees must have posted one or more optional ProblemSolver Solutions.
- Combined public rating for Recommended Topic and ProblemSolver Solutions (resulting from participant nomination).

Rules

- Registered participants may not rate their own entries.
- Scholarship winner must provide invoice(s) or receipt(s) to show the award has been spent for college-related expenses.

Guidelines

Ratings are intended to be the genuine opinions of individuals who have taken time to consider other options on the site. Therefore, persuading friends or family to rate one's entry favorably without considering other options is discouraged.

All content is expected to show decorum and respect toward others, and must meet the site's terms of use requirements. The basis should be that entries specify problems and lead to solutions which are in the best interests of The American People.

Inquiries/Contact Information

To inquire about this program email: press@ourvoiceourcountry.org or (914) 772-0472.



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