



Essay Contests 2023

Eligibility Requirements:

- My legal residence is within Box Elder High School Boundaries and has been for at least six months preceding September 7, 2023.
- On September 7, 2023 I am enrolled as a senior in Box Elder High School.

Essay Rules:

- A signed copy of this document must accompany the essays.
- Essays are between 450-500 words each.
- Scholarships for essays will be for \$250.
- Essay deadline is **MIDNIGHT on Thursday August 17, 2023** and they must be emailed to shelley@boxelderchamber.com.
- There will be 3 essays:
 - Academic: Topic is – What is one invention that has had the most impact in your life?
 - Community Service: Topic is – Tell us about the community service you have given during the past two years.
 - Leadership: Topic is – What qualities do you think makes a great leader? Tell us how you exhibit these qualities in your leadership roles?
- Participants can choose to do all three essays or just one or two of them. It is your decision; however, you may only submit one essay per subject.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- Scholarships may be expended for tuition, room, board, books, supplies, and other college expenses.
- Scholarship checks will be made payable to an educational institution and the winner.
- If a scholarship winner wishes to use the scholarship for schooling or training of a type other than the standard college curriculum, they must submit in writing to Box Elder Chamber of Commerce, a request for approval of the use of the scholarship for such schooling or training. They should have such approval in writing before enrolling or commencing such training.
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the spring semester 2025.
- If essay winner needs to put a hold on their education for one of the following reasons: military duty or church service for any religious organization, they may request their scholarship checks to be held until the time of their return. Requests for deferment must be made in writing and approved by the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce prior to leaving. An approximate time of return will also be requested.
- Any cancelled or unused portions of scholarships will revert to Box Elder Chamber of Commerce if not requested by the end of the spring semester 2025.
- The Box Elder Chamber Board shall have the final authority in deciding what expenses are judged as expenses eligible to be paid by the awarded scholarship funds, and in approving the schools or private teachers chosen.
- All scholarships awarded must be used for educational scholarship expenses as outlined above. Scholarship funds will not be awarded in cash, even if the winner has graduated from a four-year college with a degree.
- Each participant will sign a copy of this set of rules and guidelines governing all scholarships and awards given, the signing of which shall indicate their understanding and agreement of these rules.

Signature_____

Date_____

Parent Signature_____

Date_____