



Center for Organ Recovery & Education

Dear Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung Co., New York Educator:

Enclosed is information on the Center for Organ Recovery and Education Multicultural Task Force Scholarship essay contest.

This scholarship promotes organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung Co., New York youth with their higher education.

Currently, over 100,000 people are awaiting an organ transplant in the United States, and over 500,000 will need a tissue transplant this calendar year. Unfortunately, the multicultural population is currently 51% of those on the waiting list while only 20% are designated donors. Many of those waiting will experience a decreased quality of life, remain visually impaired, and/or die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donations, we can help others make an informed decision about giving the Gift of Life. The CORE Multicultural Task Force Scholarship will award four scholarships up to increments of \$1000.00, \$750.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 to high school students from western Pennsylvania, West Virginia or Chemung Co. New York.

Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to be creative and write about any subject that embraces one or more themes that affect the multicultural community (e.g. second chance of life, who can benefit from organ & tissue donation, dialysis, personal stories, facts and myths about organ and tissue donations).

ELIGIBILITY: All students are eligible regardless of their background or course of study they anticipate pursuing, but those planning careers in health related occupations are especially encouraged to apply. We would like to encourage all teachers and counselors to encourage students to participate in this contest.

GENERAL RULES: Submit an entry form and an application package with the documentation described in the details. (See attachment)

- Checks and awards will be given to each winner at the CORE Multicultural Essay & Awards Program on April 25, 2009 at the Carnegie Science Center.
- The contest will begin upon receipt of this letter.
- Students must meet eligibility requirements listed in the CORE scholarship details. The entry form, essay and all the required documentation described must be emailed or post marked by March 1, 2009.

Students must include:

- Entry form and original essay on *“How Can I Save a Life? The Plight of Donation in the Multicultural Community.”* Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to be creative and write about any subject that embraces one or more themes that affect the multicultural community (e.g. second chance of life, who can benefit from organ & tissue donation, dialysis, personal stories, facts and myths about organ donation).
- All essays must be 500 words, typed, double spaced, 1” margins, 12 point font in Times Roman, contain a title page with title and entrant’s name ONLY. Entrant’s name must be on footer of each essay page.

Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students and please post in the teachers’ lounge, counseling offices, and cafeterias. If you have questions about the CORE Multicultural Task Force Scholarship essay contest, please contact Lisa Strother Upsher via lupsher@core.org or by calling 1-800-366-6777 ext. 213.

Please note: Applicants must e-mail entry form & essay as a Microsoft WORD or Adobe Acrobat document (PDF) to Lisa Upsher at lupsher@core.org. Please put the words **“CORE Essay Scholarship”** in the subject line of your e-mail entries. Hard copies can be mailed to Lisa Strother Upsher, CORE, 204 Sigma Drive RIDC Park Pittsburgh, PA 15238. **All entries must be emailed or post marked by March 1, 2009.** Thank you for your support of western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung Co., New York students and the CORE Multicultural Task Force Scholarship.

DISCLAIMER

Employees of CORE, the Multicultural Task Force, the Contest’s participating sponsors and members of the immediate family of any such persons are not eligible to participant and win. The term “immediate family” includes spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, and grandchildren, whether as “in-laws,” or by current or past marriages(s), remarriage(s), adoption, co-habitation or other family extension, and any other persons residing at the same household whether or not related.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2009



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The CORE Multicultural Task Force is proud to announce our Scholarship Essay Contest for freshman through senior high school students.

CORE MULTICULTURAL TASK FORCE SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

- Be high school students 9th -12th grade, attending a public, charter or private schools in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung Co., New York.*
- Submit a completed application including entry form, essay and a signature from a school counselor.
- Obtain parent or guardian signature if under the age of 18 years.
- Submit application by email or in hard copy, post marked by March 1, 2009.

* Students (9th -12th) are eligible if their home-school program is accredited.

TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Complete the entry form and submit an original essay on "*How Can I Save a Life? The Plight of Donation in the Multicultural Community*" Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to be creative and write about any subject that embraces one or more themes that affect the multicultural community (e.g. second chance of life, who can benefit from organ & tissue donation, dialysis, personal stories, facts and myths about organ donation).
2. Download the entry form and open in MS WORD at www.core.org "**CORE Essay Scholarship.**" Complete entry form and e-mail with your essay to Lisa Strother Upsher at lupsher@core.org. Hard copies can be mailed to Lisa Strother Upsher, CORE, 204 Sigma Drive RIDC Park Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

3. All essays must be 500 words, typed, double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point font in Times Roman, contain a title page with title and entrant's name ONLY. Entrant's name must be on footer of each essay page. The entry form & essay should be in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format and MUST be emailed to Lisa Strother Upsher at lupsher@core.org or mailed to Lisa Strother Upsher, CORE, 204 Sigma Drive RIDC Park Pittsburgh, PA 15238. **Please put the words "CORE Essay Scholarship"** in the subject box of your e-mail entry.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

To be eligible for consideration, the completed entry form with all required documentation must be e-mailed or post marked by **March 1, 2009**.

NOTE: All essays become the property of CORE for the purpose of future publication. This award will be presented at the CORE Multicultural Taskforce 1st Annual Essay & Awards program on April 25, 2009 at the Carnegie Science Center.

QUESTIONS

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**CORE Multicultural Task Force
Scholarship Essay Contest Entry Form**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email address _____
High School: _____
Grade Level _____ Age _____
Student Signature _____

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and your ambitions (feel free to use ONE additional page to complete this section):

Eligibility Requirement

Guidance Counselor Name _____
Phone Number _____
GC Signature _____ Date _____

Under Age 18 Student Participation Requirement

If the student is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the student's parent or legal guardian must sign and date the entry form.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____

Date _____

Usage Agreement

I permit the use of my identity, photograph, and transplant/donation essay in conjunction with all Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) materials for the purposes of education, communication, and/or promotion of donation related information.

I have read and understand the Usage Agreement and agree to its terms knowingly and voluntarily.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (print): _____

If the student is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the student's parent or legal guardian must sign and date the usage agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian (print) _____

Date _____

Submission of Application Requirement

Please attach your essay about organ and tissue donation (500 words, typed, double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point font in Times Roman. Include a title page with title and entrant's name ONLY. Entrant's name must be on footer each essay page).

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