



Confidence Building

Character Building

Community Building

April 2, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Via Email #thomala3@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

Attached: Please find The **Judge John Ruffin** Scholarship Opportunity for your high school seniors. Please distribute this information. The deadline is Monday April 26, 2024 @ 3:00pm

Email to dreamplanachieve.jeffords@gmail.com or
US Mail / drop: 437 Walker Street, Augusta Ga 30901

If you have any questions or concerns,

Please do not hesitate to contact Tamia or Ms. Jeffords at

706-722-3019

With kind regards, I remain,

Tanya Jeffords

Attachments:

DREAM BUILDERS OF AMERICA’S YOUTH INC.
AND THE
AUGUSTA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEYS (ACAAA)
2024 JUDGE JOHN “JACK” RUFFIN, Jr. TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY
CONTEST

In honor of Judge John “Jack” Ruffin Jr., Dream Builders and the ACAAA are sponsoring their twelfth annual Judge John H. Ruffin Trailblazer Scholarship Essay Contest. The essay contest is for graduating college-bound seniors only throughout the CSRA. The requirements are a maximum 4 pages, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman essay. This year the essay writers must address the essay questions listed below, based upon actual research, about the Law Day theme “Voices of Democracy.” A minimum award of \$1000.00 each will be given to one male and one female winner, high school senior in the CSRA, and one male and female senior who is a Youth Challenge Graduating Participant. The winners will be awarded at the Law Day Dinner held by the Augusta Bar Association on May 2, 2024.

ESSAY DUE DATE: Essays must be emailed to DreamPlanAchieve.jeffords@gmail.com. by noon Monday, April 22, 2024, or mailed to Dream Builders at 437 Walker Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. If mailed, the essay must be *received* by Monday, April 26, 2024.

DATE FOR AWARD: The winners will receive notification by noon Monday, April 29, 2024, and will be awarded at the Law Day Dinner held at The Foundry on May 2, 2024. The winners must be present at the dinner to receive the award. The minimum \$1000.00 award must be used for school or military related purposes. (i.e., tuition, books, tests, college rent).

PART ONE: ESSAY QUESTION

This year the United States will hold its 60th presidential election. The right of self governance is a fundamental principle upon which the United States of America was built. Discuss why voting is important by using at least one national and one local current event.

Essay Requirements: Maximum 2 pages, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font.

Essays and personal statements will be reviewed for content, development of ideas, as well as

sentence structure, word choice, and grammar. It is highly recommended that you have your essay reviewed by one of your teachers. Please include that educator's contact information on the second form attached.

PART TWO: PERSONAL STATEMENT

What life experiences helped you develop your educational and professional goals? How would winning this award help you in your pursuit of achieving them?

Personal Statement Requirements: No less than 1 and no more than 2 pages, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font. Essays and personal statements will be reviewed for content, development of ideas, as well as sentence structure, word choice, and grammar. It is highly recommended that you have your essay reviewed by one of your teachers. Please include that educator's contact information on the second form attached.

If you have questions, please contact Tanya Jeffords, Tamia, or Elana Galvan at 706-724-4834.

Please complete the next page and submit it with your essay. The information on the 2nd page must be included with your email. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON YOUR ESSAY.

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CONTEST

Name: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ Gender _____

Reviewing Teacher: _____ Email: _____

Student Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent's Names: _____

College(s) that you plan to or will attend in the fall: _____

SCHOOL PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE \$1000.00 WILL BE USED: (I.E., what college will you be attending in the fall or what test or application for admission will the funds be used for): _____

(Proof of use for college related expenses is required. The Board reserves the right to send all money directly to the educational institution as identified by the winner of the essay contest).

ESSAY NUMBER: _____ (FOR REVIEWERS USE ONLY).