

# *"Celebration of Suburban Diversity*

## *2022*

### **ESSAY CONTEST**



#### **The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University®**

The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University® is pleased to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> annual essay contest for High School 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. With the help of our sponsor, **Bethpage Federal Credit Union**, up to **\$10,000 in scholarships and prizes** will be awarded to students. Student winners can use the scholarship at an institution of their choice. If the student attends Hofstra, the university will match the award.

#### **The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra™**

- Is a non-partisan research institution dedicated to promoting objective, academically rigorous study of suburbia's problems, as well as its promise
- Rooted in the laboratory of Long Island's diverse and aging suburbs, almost literally in the shadows of the iconic Levittown, the National Center studies a broad range of issues from local and national perspectives and, whenever possible, collaborates with researchers at other respected institutions.
- The center is committed to the belief that the suburbs have emerged as the nexus of dynamic demographic, social, economic and environmental change in New York and throughout the United States. The tasks of identifying, analyzing and solving the problems of suburbia are essential for the health of the country – and central to the National Center's mission.

Essay contest winners will be recognized at the "***Celebration of Suburban Diversity Banquet***" on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York. Scholarship checks will be sent to high school graduates upon their entry into college or institute of higher learning.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- **The Essay Contest Release Form, which is attached, must be signed by a parent or guardian in order for the essay to be considered for review.**
- **In addition to the announcement of the essay contest winners on the night of the virtual diversity banquet, contest winners will also be notified by mail.**
- **Please be sure to include student name, student email, grade and teacher on all essays.**
- **Essays or Multi-media projects on the essay topic listed below must be received by Friday November 04, 2022.**

## **When is the Essay/Multi-media Project Contest deadline?**

The deadline for receipt of materials is Friday, November 4, 2022. Submissions should be sent from the submitting district/school/student to:

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## **Who is eligible?**

- All (school year 2022-23) 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students in Nassau and Suffolk County

## **Essay Topic:**

***Identify and analyze an issue related to the racially, ethnically, religiously or otherwise diverse Long Island suburbs and describe the impact on you and your future. Successful essays often have featured a blend of research and personal experience.***

## **Project Parameters**

- Essays should be **no longer than 500 words. IMPORTANT: Students' name, email address, grade and teacher's name should appear CLEARLY on each page of the essay.**
- Multi-media projects should be 3-5 minutes in length. They can be submitted on CD or DVD. Student name and project title should be printed clearly on the CD/DVD.

## **Financial Incentives**

- Student winners will receive a scholarship award with a matching contribution if that scholarship is used to attend Hofstra University.
- First Prize winner will receive \$3,500.00
- Second Prize winner will receive \$2,000.00
- Third Prize winner will receive \$1,000.00
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## **Can the student ask a teacher or parent to review his/her work?**

Yes, but the students work must be their own (See *Release Form*)

## **Can one school or district submit more than one entry?**

Definitely. In fact, we encourage as many submissions as possible.

## **Can a group work together on an entry?**

No. Each entry must have only one author and must be the work of one student.

## **When will the scholarship be awarded?**

Letters will be sent to scholarship winners notifying them of their award in late November 2022. Contest winners will be recognized at the "**Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2022 Banquet**" scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 beginning at 6:00p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. An invitation to the diversity banquet will be included in the notification letter to all scholarship winners.

**Scholarship checks will be sent to high school graduates upon their entry into college or other institute of higher learning.**

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DISTRICT / SCHOOL SUBMISSION FORM

*Please include a copy of this completed form for each student submission*

Name of District/School: \_\_\_\_\_

District/School Contact for Essay Submission:

Teacher or School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City /State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student Submitting Work:

*(A separate sheet with a list of student's name can be attached)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to clearly include: Student name, email address, grade and teacher on all essays AND Release Forms for all submissions.**

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RELEASE FORM FOR PARENT AND STUDENT

***IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of this completed parent release form for each student submission indicating:***

- a) Work is original and not a copy of any other work; and
- b) Hofstra University has irrevocable permission, without restrictions, to use the student's work in reproduction for educational and promotional materials for this event as well as others determined by the sponsoring agency in their sole and absolute discretion.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail: (write clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_