



2Inspire Positive Messaging Scholarship Contest

Application Deadline: Friday, May 20th, 2016



1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications (both video and essay) is 11:59p.m EST on May 20th, 2016 (no exceptions).
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
4. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Lauren McManus or Jane Hess by email at lauren@cisofpa.org or jane@cisofpa.org

PURPOSE

Communities In Schools Pennsylvania is excited to announce the 3rd annual positive messaging scholarship contest for the 2015-2016 school year to all graduating high school seniors who have shown leadership, service and awareness for others, and an unashamed commitment to being drug and alcohol free.

Communities In Schools Pennsylvania (CISPA) is an affiliate of the nation's leading dropout prevention network, serving schools by providing support to meet the needs of at-risk students. In 2011, CISPA launched the largest Pennsylvania-wide positive messaging campaign of its kind.

This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to four (4) graduating high school seniors in the state of Pennsylvania who have been enrolled in a community college, trade school, college, or university and intends to continue his/her education and commitment to abstain from underage drinking and substance abuse beyond high school. These scholarships have been made available by funding from the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- Preference may be given to applicants who have followed 2Inspire on Instagram or Twitter (@2InspirePA) and has posted a shout out using the hashtag #2InspirePA on how they stay drug and alcohol free.

ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST

CISPA has the opportunity for four (4) graduating high school seniors to enter our essay or video contest.

Please note: Applicants may only submit one entry for either the essay or the video portion.

• ESSAY QUESTION

Please describe how you have demonstrated your commitment to remain drug and alcohol free. Include what led and/or contributed to your decision. What have you learned about yourself and others through this commitment, how have your decisions positively impacted your life and how you see your future taking shape?

• **New for 2016:** VIDEO CONTEST

Are you better at expressing your thoughts visually? Create a video (no longer than 2:00 minutes) that expresses how you have been inspired in your life to remain drug and alcohol free and how these positive decisions have impacted your life and how you see your future taking shape.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- There will be four winners, two for the essay portion and two for the video portion. The first place recipient for the essay contest and video contest will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The first runner-up for the essay contest and video contest will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
- The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the institution, made payable to the institution for the student. Applicant must provide the correct mailing address of their institution and the department where their scholarship check is to be received.

PLEASE EMAIL, MAIL, OR SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION & MATERIALS TO:

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Name: _____ Current High School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Where will you be attending in the Fall of 2016? _____

Address & Phone Number of Institution to which funds could be distributed: _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ESSAY
 - When grading essays, the top two (2) essays that best address the questions/themes, are generally free of grammatical errors, and best demonstrates the impact these decisions have had on their positive decision making in an effort to achieve in life will be chosen.
- VIDEO
 - Entrants will create and add their videos to YouTube, Vimeo, or SchoolTube and submit the link along with this application.
 - Length of video can be no longer than 2:00 minutes.
 - Prohibitions: Submissions must be unique and may not use or refer to any copyrighted or trademarked characters, language or products (e.g., comics, TV characters, brands). Anything depicting violence, offensive language or pictures will be disqualified.
 - Entrants will submit their video and other information through a contact form on this page.
 - Videos will be judged based on creativity, unique content, technical aspects, and execution.

GUIDELINES

- One (1) entry allowed per person. Individuals may enter the video contest **OR** the essay contest.
- Entrant information will be used for scholarship related activity only and will not be shared with any third party.
- Entrants will not be enrolled to receive extraneous emails or solicitations.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Communities In Schools Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the 2Inspire campaign.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide evidence of enrollment/ registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____