

**AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
PREVENTION**

**SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**



**TO: ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and COUNSELORS**

**The *Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention* is offering \$750.00 scholarships to students who will be attending an institution of higher learning upon successfully graduating from high school (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph and Talladega Counties).**

**Please make sure students who enter this scholarship contest comply with all the rules and guidelines.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (256) 831-4436.  
Thank you.**

**Seyram Selase, Executive Director**

***Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention***

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Complete the Student Registration Form. Submit three copies of your selected essay topic. Attach and staple one of those copies to your Registration Form.
2. Must be a graduating senior with an overall GPA of no less than 2.75.
3. Must be planning to attend an institution of higher learning (e.g. 2 or 4 yr. college or trade school) upon graduation.
4. Submit a certified copy of your high school transcript.
5. Must submit 3 letters of recommendations:
  - a. Counselor/school administrator
  - b. Teacher
  - c. Representative from your community who is familiar with your community service activities (No Relatives).
6. All entries must be mailed or hand delivered in mailbox to the following address:

**Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention  
Attention: Seyram Selase, Executive Director  
1128 Edmar Street  
Oxford, Alabama 36203**
7. Deadline for all entries: **April 4, 2025**
  - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than **April 4, 2025**.
  - b. Entries hand delivered to the office mailbox must be brought in before close of business, 5:00pm.

## **Judging:**

**Essays will be scored anonymously by a team of judges. Judging will not only be based on conventional writing standards (such as grammar, organization, etc.) but also on the expressiveness of ideas and experiences.**

- 1. Select one topic to write your essay on:**
  - I. As a young person, I have remained drug-free because... OR**
  - II. When I become an adult, I plan to help my home and community to remain drug-free by...**
- 2. Do not place your name or your school's name on any of the pages of the essay. Each page must be numbered.**
- 3. Essay must be no fewer than 400 and no more than 600 words in length, double spaced. You must also submit a word count at the end of the essay.**
- 4. Entries must be in 12-point Times New Roman with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page.**
- 5. Plagiarism or use of another's ideas without proper attribution is strictly prohibited.**

## STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Topic you have selected to write your essay about: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: **April 4, 2025**