



To: All Area High School Guidance Counselors,

The Greater KC Metro Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline and the Metropolitan Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association are sponsoring a scholarship essay contest for area high school students. The winners, one from Missouri and one from Kansas, will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The winners will be awarded a certificate and upon determination of a college or vocational school to be attended by the student, a \$2,000 check will be sent to the school in the student's name to be applied toward his/her tuition or general account.

The high school student must be a senior of good character with no criminal background to be eligible. He/she must be recommended, in writing, by at least two faculty members. The recommendation must state the student's accomplishments, grade average, class standing, activities, and the reasons he/she deserves this award. This recommendation should be no longer than two typewritten pages.

Each student entered must submit a typed essay of 750 to 1,000 words on the topic below:

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Use of AI technology in the classrooms – Overused or not?

Most school administrators and teachers view students' learning how to use AI tools as part of their high school education as valuable. However, there are obvious concerns about the use of AI affecting students' academic integrity, their essential learning skills, and obtaining the emotional intelligence essential for learning life skills. With that being said, please begin your essay with how any of your teachers are utilizing AI in their classrooms. Continue with how you feel about your education being taught utilizing AI, and whether or not you feel like the above concerns are valid and why. Please include whether or not there are policies in place regarding how and how often AI is used in the classroom, if they are enforced, and if there needs to be any changes/additions to these policies and why.

While content and clarity of thought are of primary importance, contestants should be aware that grammar and spelling and cited sources will be considered when scoring the essay. Contestants, as college-bound high school seniors, are encouraged to seek out editors for their papers as well as to proof their work. Do not include any visual aids, graphics, or other supporting documents.

This essay, along with the faculty advisors' recommendations, and the application form should be mailed or emailed together in time to arrive at the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission's office no later than February 28, 2026. Winners will be notified by April 30, 2026.

No telephone, written, electronic or any other means of “campaigning” for contestants will be allowed by entrants, faculty sponsors or any other person. Immediate family members of any Kansas City Crime Commission staff or board members are not eligible.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at (816) 285-8664, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or via email cludwig@kc-crime.org

We look forward to the participation of your students. Feel free to make as many copies/forward this email as needed. Please give each entrant a copy of this sheet along with the application page.

All documents required should all be mailed or emailed TOGETHER.

- Email address: cludwig@kc-crime.org
- Mailing address is:
Det. Christina Ludwig, GKCCS Essay Contest
412 W 8th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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**GREATER KCCRIME STOPPERS /METRO CHIEFS & SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY SHEET**

STUDENT NAME _____ EMAIL _____
SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____
SCHOOL PHONE _____ HOME/CELL PHONE _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____
SPONSORING FACULTY MEMBERS _____

CHECKLIST (BE SURE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING):

STUDENTS:

STUDENT COMPLETED ESSAY _____
STUDENT RESUME _____

FACULTY:

FACULTY CURRENT GPA AND CLASS RANKING _____
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (2) _____

MAIL OR EMAIL all documents together

EMAIL to cludwig@kc-crime.org

or PLACE THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS IN ONE ENVELOPE AND SEND TO:

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THIS PACKET MUST REACH THE CRIME STOPPERS OFFICE NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 28, 2026 WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY April 30, 2026.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER GRADUATION. A CHECK FOR \$2,000 WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE TO BE CREDITED TO HIS/HER TUITION OR OTHER DESIGNATED ACCOUNT.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
SIGNATURE OF ONE FACULTY MEMBER _____

All entries will remain the property of KC Metro Crime Stoppers. Judging will be done by a selected committee of the Greater KC Crime Stoppers board of directors and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers staff. All awards are final.