NEW HANOVER COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
6009 Market Street
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Underage Drinking Prevention & Education Award

Overview

The New Hanover County ABC Board is sponsoring an Underage Drinking Prevention & Education Award for high school students. Students who apply are eligible to receive a $1,500 scholarship award; awards will be selected by a panel of judges at the NHCABC Board.

To apply, students must: 1. Complete an application; 2. Write a well-researched essay explaining the facts and/or dangers surrounding the use and abuse of alcohol by minors; and 3. Develop a plan of action for sharing the research project with classmates and/or school.

Eligible students must work with a supervising teacher at their school or Sunday school to incorporate their research project into the classroom or school/Sunday school environment. Some examples of incorporating the researched information into the classroom include, but are not limited to: creating class discussion topics related to the dangers of underage drinking; publishing the research paper in the school newspaper; creating a bulletin board or display in the school; incorporating underage drinking prevention tips or facts into school announcements; presenting the research paper to a class or assembly; developing a video that illustrates the researched information; and more.

Eligibility Requirements

- All students in grades 12 and residing in New Hanover County are eligible, including students in private and public schools, as well as home schooled students.
- Each entrant must be under the supervision and direction of a teacher/Sunday school teacher.
- The student must submit all essays and student entry forms on or before the due date of April 21, 2023.
- Students who have family members employed by the NC ABC Commission or the New Hanover County ABC Board are not eligible to participate.

Awards

14 student(s) will receive scholarship awards of $1,500.

Regulations

All essays must comply with the following rules before submission:

- Each essay must reflect the student's own research, writing and original thinking.
- Only one (1) essay may be submitted by each student.
- A sponsoring teacher may sponsor more than one of his/her students.
- Submissions must include, in addition to the essay, a detailed description of how the student will incorporate the essay's information and research into the classroom or school environment.
- Each student must complete and attach a student entry form.
- Teachers must verify and sign the verification of authenticity on the student entry form.
- Essays should include references to all research. Those references should be clearly identified within the text (i.e. parenthetical documentation, end notes or foot notes are accepted).
- Essays should also include a separate Bibliography/Works Cited page.
- Entries must be postmarked on or before due date on April 21, 2023.
- Essays will not be returned to the author.

Judging

A panel of judges selected by the NHCABC Board will judge the entries based on the following criteria:

I. Comprehension (1-20 points) How well does the essay reflect a thorough comprehension of the issues involved the essay topic?

II. Organization (1-20 points) Does the essay follow a logical and easily understood progression? Does research support the essay's main points?

III. Creativity (1-20 points) Does the essay use diverse resources, including quotes, statistics, etc. and take a creative angle on the issue?

IV. Writing (1-20 points) Does the student use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and concise language?

V. Peer-Led Education (1-20 points) Does the entry include a reasonable plan of action for sharing the information with the student's classmates and/or school? Is the plan engaging, creative, and well thought out?

Underage Drinking Prevention & Education Award Entry Form

To enter the award program, complete the below entry form and submit it with your essay and description for sharing the research information with your classmates and/or school/Sunday school. This entry form must be filled out completely and include all signatures.

Student's Name | Parent's Name

Address | City | State | Zip Code

Phone Number | Email Address

School Name | Graduation Year | College(s) Applied/Accepted

Below section to be completed by sponsoring teacher*:

Sponsoring Teacher Name

School Address | City | State | Zip Code

Phone Number | Email Address

Scheduled date for research to be shared within the classroom or school environment.
*Please note: As the sponsoring teacher, you agree to facilitate the submitted peer-led education within the school or classroom environment.

Please read carefully and sign to indicate your agreement: The student verifies that the entry essay reflects his/her original concept, research, and writing and that he/she has arranged with the sponsoring teacher to share the messages within the classroom or school/Sunday school environment.

Student signature (required) | Date

Parent/Guardian signature (required) | Date

Teacher signature (required) | Date

Mail entry to: New Hanover County ABC Board, 6009 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28405