

Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest*

The contest deadline is February 29, 2020

Who inspires you?

Is there a particular African-American who inspires you?

Write about an African-American who has inspired and motivated you for the opportunity to earn a \$5,000 or \$3,500 scholarship. Essays should be 500 words or less and should:

1. Address how an African-American has been an inspiration in your life.
2. Discuss the contributions of the African-American individual who has served to inspire and motivate you.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Regions will award \$5,000 scholarships to 15 high school seniors who live in states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2020-2021 academic school year.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Regions will award \$3,500 scholarships to 15 freshmen, sophomores or juniors who permanently reside in, or currently attend an accredited college in, states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2020-2021 academic school year.

How to Enter

1. COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION

Enter the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest between January 20, 2020, through February 29, 2020. <https://www.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>
Complete and save all requested information.

2. WRITE YOUR ESSAY

Choose the African-American you want to write about. It could be someone famous, a relative or a person you know. Just make sure the individual inspires and motivates you. For guidance, review the "How to Enter" instructions and the "Contest Judging Criteria" in sections 4 and 5 of the Official Rules, and be sure your essay is 500 words or less. You can write your essay directly in the application, or you can copy and paste it into the appropriate area in the application form.

3. REVIEW AND SUBMIT

Review your information, check your essay for spelling and submit your entry by 11:59:59 p.m. Central Time on February 29, 2020.

4. AWAIT NOTIFICATION

Winning essays are selected by an independent panel of judges who are not affiliated with Regions. If your essay was selected, you will need to respond to ISTS with the required information. Scholarship checks will be awarded by July 31, 2020.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter this contest and to win an award, you must be either a high school senior or a college freshman, sophomore or junior and meet all of the following applicable criteria.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

- Be a legal U.S. resident of either Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas
- Be age 13 or older
- Be enrolled in 12th grade in a public or private school (or home school) located in one of the states listed above
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Plan to attend an accredited college in the United States during the 2020-2021 academic school year

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- Either be a legal U.S. resident of one of the following states **or** a legal U.S. resident (of one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia) currently attending an accredited college located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas
- Be age 16 or older
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time college undergraduate freshman, sophomore or junior at an accredited college in the United States and have least one year (or 18 credit hours) remaining before graduation
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Plan to attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2020-2021 academic school year