

OFFICIAL RULES AND ENTRY FORM FOR 2011 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST:

The essay must be type written in the English language; dependent spouse essay should be between 1000 to 1300 words, and dependent child essay 800-1200 type written words. Only one entry per applicant is allowed. All participants must have American Citizenship or Legal Residency in the United States. Essays must be post marked by November 16, 2011 and received no later than November 22, 2011. Winners will be announced no earlier than 12/1/11 and no later than 12/10/11 both by phone and posted on the Spouse Association's official website.

The essay will be graded as follows:

Originality – 35 points (creativity and human interest)

Clarity – 35 points (write essay in easy-to-understand format, well organized)

Grammar – 30 points

Deductions – 1 point deduction for each word past the exceeds limit for category of either spouse or child

Please DO NOT write your name on the essay – this is to ensure a fair and impartial contest for the judges.

Entrants must be the spouse or dependent child of an Active Duty, Reservist, Retired Coast Guard Member, and Coast Guard Civilian Employee of the Curtis Bay Campus comprised of all command and supported units of Curtis Bay YARD Tenants and Area Commands. Dependents of Sponsor Members must be assigned to the local Baltimore Area in order to qualify. Areas considered local are Baltimore YARD, SFLC, SECTOR, USCGC RANKIN, USCGC SLEDGE, ANT BALTIMORE, STA CURTIS BAY, STA ANNAPOLIS, ANT SLEDGE, and ESD BALTIMORE, or Support Units attached to SECTOR, HQ assigned Units located at SFLC or YARD Campus. Dependents of Retired Coast Guard Members must live within 75 miles from the Baltimore YARD. Contracted employees working for the Coast Guard are not considered eligible for family members to enter unless they also meet the above mentioned criteria of retired uniformed service or reservist. Contractors' dependants working for the Coast Guard on the Curtis Bay Campus are not eligible to participate unless they also meet the above mentioned criteria of retired or uniformed service or reservist.

All spouse entrants must be pursuant of first Baccalaureate Degree and dependent child must be an up and coming 2012 senior in high school or post high school graduate pursuant of their first Baccalaureate Degree, or a credible trade school (ie: ITT Tech, cosmetology such as Fila Academy, etc). A copy of intent or acceptance to college or trade school will be required at the time check is awarded. A check in the amount of \$500 will be made out to one winner in the spousal category, \$300 for one child first place winner, \$200 for one child second place winner. The intent of the cash prize is to be used to help offset fees, books or living expenses associated with a college education. Failure to attend college after cash award has been accepted will require a full refund of winnings back to the GBACGSA for the full amount of the cash prize. Cash awards may exceed dollar amounts listed as dependant on private or corporate donations specifically designated to this contest. Amounts listed are guaranteed as shown with the possibility of additional winnings at the time the awards are announced and/or given. In the event there is only one entrant for each or both categories, the full \$1000 will be split. In the event NO entries are received, all funds will be transferred and used for the following years contest or the GBACGSA has the option to reopen the contest for a later date within the same calendar year.

The winners will be contacted by phone or mail, and *may* be asked to attend an awards ceremony in their honor. Entrants are solely responsible for submission of original work as well as ensuring essay is delivered to the GBACGSA by deadline. Essays may be hand delivered to the Essay Chairperson or a member of the GBACGSA Executive Board or Board of Directors who is not directly entering or whose child has not entered the contest. Essays should be delivered in a sealed envelope with entry form. If mailed, official entry form and written essay need to be submitted to the following address (to hand deliver, contact Essay Chairperson for details or contact Executive Board Member listed on the Official Website www.coastguardspouseassociation.com).

(Essay must be mailed or hand delivered – NO e-mail submission will be accepted – see attached flyer for contact information.)

Greater Baltimore Area CG Spouse Assn.
c/o U.S.C.G. SFLC
ATTN: Sue Wiedmann-M/S 8 – Essay Contest
2401 Hawkins Point Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21226

Fill out entry form and send in with essay – Keep above rules for your records

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Age: _____

Entrant is: Spouse of a CG Member _____ Dependent Child of a CG Member _____

Coast Guard Sponsor is: Active Duty: _____ Retired: _____ Reserve Duty: _____ Civilian _____

By submitting the above information, I acknowledge that all information is true and that I in fact qualify to participate in the 2011 Greater Baltimore Area Coast Guard Spouse Associations' Essay Contest as outlined in the Official Rules. I also understand that none of my information will be used or given to third party individuals. I consent to allow the GBACGSA to use my name and photo (if available) when winners are named for promotional purposes only. By signing below, I agree to all the terms and conditions of the contest and do not hold liable the Greater Baltimore Area Coast Guard Spouse Association or any of the members associated to the association, responsible for lost or misdirected entries or liability of any kind as a result of winning a cash award.

Signature of Entrant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under the age of 18)

Date