

WIN A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Enter the 2018 Journalism Contest by writing a three-page article on the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. Sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, this year's contest theme is

"Inclusion Drives Innovation"

The contest winner receives a four-year scholarship to the South Carolina state-supported institution of his or her choice. The scholarship pays for undergraduate tuition and fees.

To enter, you must be a South Carolina resident aged 16 to 19 years old and a senior in high school.
You do not have to have a disability.

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2018.

For complete rules and eligibility requirements, visit

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The winner must be able to verify financial need to the chosen state-supported institution, which typically requires completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Colleges and universities recommend that students in financial need complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of the year they will enroll to establish eligibility for student aid. This may require providing income tax return information. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The scholarship may be canceled if the recipient does not maintain general scholastic and conduct standards established by the institution.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the contest, you:

- must be a South Carolinian 16 to 19 years old;
 - must not have entered a post-secondary school before March 1, 2018; and
 - must be a high school senior, or otherwise qualified to begin post-secondary education no later than the 2018–2019 school year.
- You do not have to have a disability to enter.

How, where and when to enter

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2018. Send your article to Mark Wade, Assistant Commissioner, SCVRD, 1410 Boston Avenue, P.O. Box 15, West Columbia, SC 29171-0015.

Judging

The contest is judged by a panel of professional journalists.

For more information

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department at (803) 896-6503, or visit journalism.scvrd.net.

Rules

- Your article must address the theme: “Inclusion Drives Innovation.” It should reflect the importance of different perspectives in workforce success, featuring the contributions of workers with disabilities and the value of a workforce that is inclusive of their skills and talents.
 - Your article should not exceed three pages. Documentation of quotes or works cited may be on a fourth page.
 - Use correct grammar and sentence structure.
- Report about people with disabilities in language that focuses on their dignity, equality, individuality and ability. Choose words that carry nonjudgmental connotations. Avoid using “victim,” “cripple,” “handicapped,” or “wheelchair-bound.” Emphasize the uniqueness and worth of the whole individual by writing “a person who has a disability” or “a person who is deaf” rather than “a disabled person.”
- Research disability issues and *interview people with disabilities*. Resources can include your library, the Internet and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities. Your local S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department office provides services that prepare and assist eligible citizens with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.
- Attribute all quotes, either within the body of the article or in footnotes.
- Type your article on white 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. Double space. Font size should be no smaller than 11-point.
- Include a separate cover sheet with your name, age, grade, home address, telephone number and email address. Also include your school name, school address, school telephone number and principal’s name.
- Have your principal, teacher or sponsoring organization’s representative sign the cover sheet and indicate his or her title.
- On the cover sheet, include this statement with your signature:
“I hereby confirm that the enclosed article submitted to the 2018 Journalism Contest is my own work. I wrote the article and conducted the research and any interviews (unless otherwise cited) used in the article.”