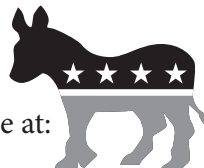


## ★★ ESSAY CONTEST ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★

# Submission Requirements

- ★ Essays must be a minimum of 900 words and no more than 1200 words in length, double spaced in 11 or 12 point type with each page numbered and a total word count appearing on Entry Form and on the last page. Students must cite all sources of information used in researching and writing their essays, observing the correct forms of citation and quotation.
- ★ Students must produce original work and submit only one essay.
- ★ FOUR copies of the essay must be submitted: the original and three copies, each stapled in the upper lefthand corner (no other types of binding please).
- ★ No email or fax submissions will be accepted. Students must not include their name, grade level or school name on any page of their essay.
- ★ The title of the essay should appear both at the top of the first page of the essay and on the entry form. Upon receipt, a unique number will be assigned to each submission and the entry form. The judges will receive only anonymous copies.
- ★ Essays will be judged by a panel of three. No judge may be a member of an El Dorado County Democratic Club. Names of judges will be announced prior to the deadline for submission of essays. The decision of the judges will be final.

Applications and information are available at:  
[www.EDCdems.org](http://www.EDCdems.org)



## ★★ 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★

# Student Essay Contest

★★★ ★★ The Fred Winn Democratic Party Essay Contest ★★

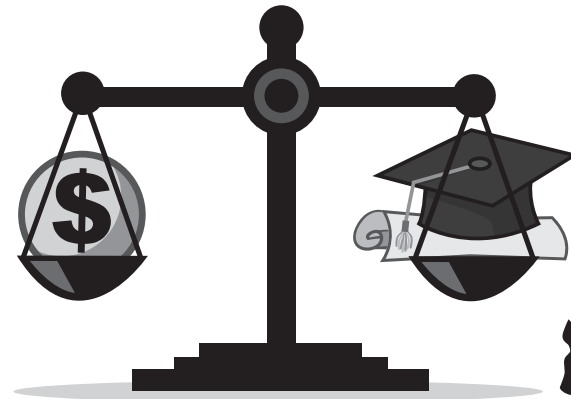
**1st Place**  
\$1,500 cash prize

**2nd Place**  
\$750 cash prize

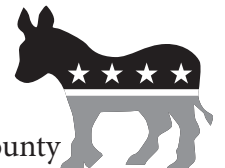
**3rd Place**  
\$500 cash prize

The contest is open to junior and senior students from all public high schools in El Dorado County (including El Dorado High School District, Golden Sierra and South Lake Tahoe). Students will submit their essays to Democrats of El Dorado County no later than **January 25, 2019** and **fill out and sign the ESSAY CONTEST FORM.**

*Winners will be awarded their prizes between  
March 15, 2019 and April 13, 2019.*

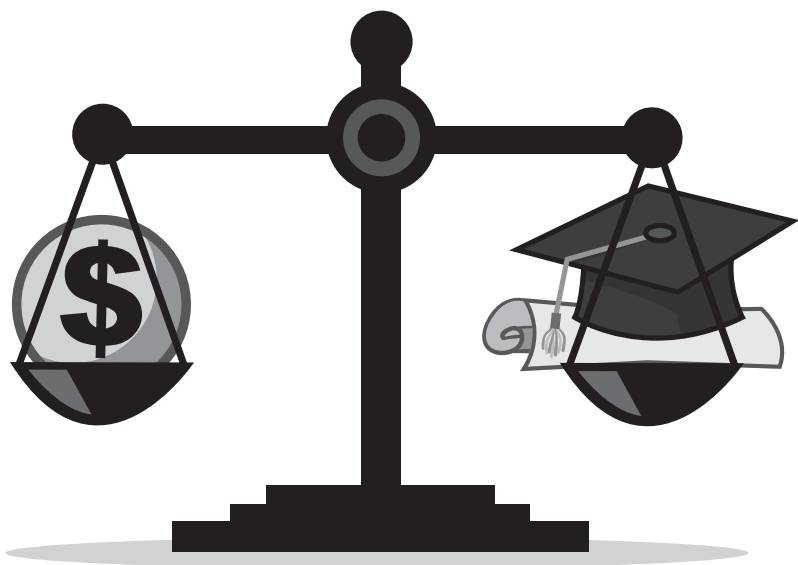


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### QUESTION:

"What can be done to mitigate the increasing cost of higher education and the resulting need for student loans? How would this benefit society?"



### Judging Criteria:

- ★ Originality: research is encouraged, but students should present their own ideas.
- ★ Persuasiveness and consistency of the argument and evidence.
- ★ Clarity and logic of the presentation.
- ★ Proper grammar, word choice, spelling & citations (crediting sources).

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the submission requirements. Democrats of El Dorado County shall have the right to use the student's name, photograph and essay submitted in connection with any and all publicity and promotional activities regarding this contest. All entries become the property of the Democrats of El Dorado County and will not be returned. Democrats of El Dorado County accept no liability whatsoever for the loss or non-receipt of student essays. All winners must furnish the Democrats of El Dorado County with appropriate tax documentation (i.e. valid W-9 forms) in order to receive cash awards. All taxes on prizes are the responsibility of winners. The decision of the judges will be final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of student date

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of parent/guardian date

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN  
JANUARY 25, 2019**

**Mail this form and required copies of your essay to:**  
Democrats of El Dorado County,  
P.O. Box 762, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

