

SECTION C: PART I – ESSAY

(PLEASE SEE OVERVIEW PAGE FOR ESSAY REQUIREMENTS)

The 600-word essay gives you a chance to provide a convincing argument for the selection of your community as the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute's Charitable Community of the Year. The essay will address your community's specific charitable projects or community outreach activities outside the boundaries of your community and into the surrounding area. Include information that will convey the impact of your outreach or humanitarian projects on those they are intended to help. Provide supporting data that indicates the level of community involvement in and enthusiasm for the community's charitable efforts (i.e., total volunteers, volunteer hours and /or total funds or goods raised, or finances allocated for the charitable projects or outreach activities).

As specified in the essay requirements section on the first page, the essay must:

- Be completed by a board member or other homeowner.
- The essay writer must be a current member of WMCCAI and whose signature appears below.
- The essay must be typed on a separate page, double-spaced, and include the author's name, member ID number and applicable word count at the end.
- The author's name and member ID number must be included on the essay.
- Submitting the essay as a Word document is preferred but not required.
- Loss of points will occur if the essay is not double-spaced, if a word count is not included, and if the author's name and member ID are not included on the essay.

The essay will be disqualified if the essay is over 600 words or if it is written by a manager.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER OR HOMEOWNER SIGNATURE