

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE (WMCCAI)
2023 ESSAY/PRESENTATION SCHOLARSHIP**

RULES

The WMCCAI Essay/Presentation Contest is open to all high-school seniors within the WMCCAI service area (as indicated on page 2).

REQUIREMENTS

- a. A 500-700-word essay **or** 2-minute media presentation on the following topic: ***“Imagine you sit on the Board of Directors of your homeowners, condominium, or cooperative association. After your annual meeting, an owner comes up to you with an issue (for example: an owner-to-owner dispute, accessibility to Board meetings, complaints about you and the Board, the trash not being picked up on time, etc.). Please describe the issue of your choice, and the process you and the Board are going to utilize to analyze and respond to the issue. How does the issue and the Board’s manner of response affect the association as a whole?”*** Your community would include your neighborhood, homeowner’s association, condominium, or cooperative association.
 - i. The essay must be submitted in Word format and include a word count.
 - ii. Include contact information on each page of the essay in case it becomes separated from the application form.
 - iii. Media Presentations must include your full name at the beginning.
- b. A completed contest application
- c. A grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- d. A high school transcript
- e. A letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, or community association leader in the community where you reside. (Recommended, not required)
- f. All applicants must submit a fully completed application form and all necessary statements, documents and references **no later than April 15, 2023**, via Dropbox to: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/9w6wz8kjhzhz0djg52ify/h?dl=0&rlkey=k5or7skqtfaoxpww3elabcbrc>
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 - i. Entries must be submitted to Dropbox by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2023, to be considered.
 - ii. All submissions to Dropbox cannot be viewed by other applicants. Only WMCCAI staff and those judging the entries will have access to submissions.
 - iii. Please direct any questions to outreach@caidc.org.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will base their final decision upon:

- Best overall essay/presentation of the essay topic.
- How much detail is provided for the program that would be implemented.
- How realistic the program is.
- Additional points will be awarded for essays/presentations that have been submitted to a community leader and the community leader’s written feedback is submitted.

AWARD

WMCCAI will grant one or more awards of at least \$1,000 for the best overall essay(s). The award winner(s) will be announced within 60 days after the application deadline, displayed in the *Quorum* magazine and on CAI’s website.

SUBMISSIONS

The winning submissions become property of WMCCAI and may be printed in the chapter's magazine, *Quorum* and/or posted to WMCCAI's website and social media sites.

A community association provides a communal basis for preserving, maintaining, and enhancing homes and property. Community associations manage common areas of the property; manage property interests of owners; provide services for owners; and develop a community through social activities and/or amenities.

WMCCAI SERVICE AREA

WASHINGTON, DC

MARYLAND COUNTIES

Prince Georges Co., MD
Montgomery Co., MD
Charles Co., MD
Calvert Co., MD
Frederick Co., MD
St. Mary's Co., MD
Howard Co., MD

Virginia Counties

Arlington Co., VA
Fairfax Co., VA
Prince William Co., VA
Loudoun Co., VA
Fauquier Co., VA
Clarke Co., VA
Frederick Co., VA
Warren Co., VA
Culpeper Co., VA
Madison Co., VA
Rappahannock Co., VA
Page Co., VA
Shenandoah Co., VA
Stafford Co., VA

Independent Cities

City of Alexandria, VA
City of Fairfax, VA
City of Falls Church, VA
City of Manassas, VA
City of Winchester, VA