

'Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2020'

ESSAY CONTEST



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The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University® is pleased to announce an essay contest for High School 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. With the help of our sponsor, **Bethpage Federal Credit Union**, thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes will be awarded. Student winners can use the scholarship at an institution of their choice. If the student attends Hofstra, the university will match the award.

The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University®

- Is a non-partisan research institution dedicated to promoting objective, academically rigorous study of suburbia's problems, as well as its promise.
- Rooted in the laboratory of Long Island's diverse and aging suburbs, almost literally in the shadows of the iconic Levittown, the National Center studies a broad range of issues from local and national perspectives and, whenever possible, collaborates with researchers at other respected institutions.
- The center is committed to the belief that the suburbs have emerged as the nexus of dynamic demographic, social, economic and environmental change in New York and throughout the United States. The tasks of identifying, analyzing and solving the problems of suburbia are essential for the health of the country – and central to the National Center's mission.

Essay contest winners (Please see details on the essay topic below) will be announced at the **"Virtual" Celebration of Suburban Diversity Banquet** on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7pm on the Diversity Banquet website <https://www.hofstra.edu/ncss>. Scholarship checks will be sent to high school graduates upon their entry into college or institute of higher learning.

IMPORTANT:

- í **The *Essay Contest Release Form*, which is attached, must be signed by a parent or guardian in order for the essay to be considered for review.**
- í ***In addition to the announcement of the essay contest winners on the night of the virtual diversity banquet, contest winners will also be notified by mail.***
- í ***Please be sure to include student name, student email, grade and teacher on all essays.***
- í ***Essays or Multi-media projects on the essay topic listed below must be received by Friday November 06, 2020.***

This is not a Half Hollow Hills
School District sponsored or
endorsed activity.

When is the Essay/Multi-media Project Contest deadline?

The deadline for receipt of materials is **Friday, November 6, 2020**. **Essays must be submitted via email to: Deborah.tinnirello@hofstra.edu**. **Multi-media submissions should be mailed** from the submitting district/school/student to:

Debbie Tinnirello*
The National Center for Suburban Studies™
255 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549

* For questions contact: *Debbie Tinnirello, Tel: 516-463-5906, Email: deborah.tinnirello@hofstra.edu*

Who is eligible?

- All (school year 2020-21) 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade high school students in Nassau and Suffolk County

Essay Topic: "Diversity in the time of COVID-19"

Identify and analyze how the COVID-19 virus has impacted Long Island's diverse suburbs racially, ethnically, religiously or otherwise and describe the impact on you, your family and or your community. Successful essays often have featured a blend of research and personal experience.

Project Parameters

- **Essays** should be **no longer than 500 words**. **IMPORTANT: Students' name, email address, grade and teacher's name should appear CLEARLY on each page of the essay**. **Multi-media projects** should be 3-5 minutes in length. They can be submitted on CD or DVD. Student name and project title should be printed clearly on the CD/DVD.

Financial Incentives

- Student winners will receive a scholarship award with a matching contribution if that scholarship is used to attend Hofstra University.
- First Prize winner will receive \$1,500.00
- Second Prize winner will receive \$1,000.00
- Third Prize winner will receive \$500.00

Can the student ask a teacher or parent to review his/her work?

Yes. (See *Release Form*)

Can one school or district submit more than one entry?

Definitely. In fact, we encourage as many submissions as possible.

Can a group work together on an entry?

No. Each entry must have only one author and must be the work of one student.

When will the scholarship be awarded?

Letters will be sent to contest scholarship winners notifying them of their award in early December 2020. These winners will be announced to the public at the **"Virtual" Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2020 Banquet** scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 beginning at 7p.m.

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DISTRICT / SCHOOL SUBMISSION FORM

Please include a copy of this completed form for each student submission

Name of District/School: _____

District/School Contact for Essay Submission:

Teacher or School Contact: _____

School Address: _____

City /State/ZIP: _____

Contact Email: _____

Principal's Name: _____ School Phone: _____

Name of Student Submitting Work:

(A separate sheet with a list of student's name can be attached)

_____ Grade _____

Student's email _____

Please be sure to clearly include: Student name, email address, grade and teacher on all essays AND Release Forms for all submissions.

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RELEASE FORM FOR PARENT AND STUDENT

IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of this completed parent release form for each student submission indicating:

- a) Work is original and not a copy of any other work; and
- b) Hofstra University has irrevocable permission, without restrictions, to use the student's work in reproduction for educational and promotional materials for this event as well as others determined by the sponsoring agency in their sole and absolute discretion.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Student Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Student e-mail: (write clearly) _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Grade: _____