



HARRIS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

More Freedom – Less Government

Scholarship Program

Dear High School Group Sponsor,

High school groups throughout Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston Counties are invited to apply for participation in the HCLP Liberty Awards academic scholarship contest. A limited number of scholarships are available, so contact us now! To enter, send an email to our scholarship coordinators:

scholarship@HarrisLP.org

Please include the following information: name of school or group, advisor name & contact info, and a minimum of 10 names of participating students. Advisor may substitute or add names after submittal of application. Club applications are due Nov 8, 2011, and HCLP will notify clubs by Nov. 9 whether their application is approved. Essays on a single topic per group are due Nov. 18, 2011, and results will be announced by Dec. 5, 2011. Competition participants and parents are encouraged to attend an awards ceremony to be held on Bill of Rights Day, on Saturday evening, Dec. 17, 2011. One winner from each group will be awarded a certificate valued at \$250, and payment will be made directly to the college or university where the student will be attending. The top essay will receive an additional \$250 award (\$500 total) and a trophy.

To be eligible to participate, each group must provide essays from a minimum of 10 students, and all students from each group will write on a single topic. Only high school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate, and certificates must be used within 2 years from date of award.

Each club can select only one of the following essay topics:

- The 10th amendment and state nullification of federal laws
- One-punch, straight-ticket voting for one party's candidates: pro and con.
 - Texas Election Code allows a voter to make one single pick to select all candidates for one party.
- Right to travel versus border security – proper limits on government power
- Negative and positive rights – reality or fiction?
- Government proactively molding public opinion – reality or conspiracy-theory?

Judging will be based on originality, soundness of arguments and principles of American liberty.

Essays should be typed, double-spaced and be between 500 and 1000 words. Quotations and material from sources should be properly attributed. Email submittals to address above using MS Word file format.

Once submitted, all essays become the property of the Harris County Libertarian Party (HCLP). Any essay found not to have been the sole work of the submitter, or to have used material without proper attribution, or to have been submitted in contravention of any of the rules and procedures herein, shall be subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of HCLP. The manner, method and criteria of the judging of the essays, and the awarding of any prizes shall be at the sole discretion of HCLP. Participants are solely responsible for any taxes resulting from prizes. This program may be terminated at any time, without further notice, by HCLP.

