

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Juan Garibay

Juan Garibay, Olathe businessman and supporter of the importance of higher education is honored to sponsor "***The School Spirit Essay Competition Award***" on behalf of Olathe West High School students planning on higher education. With three students who have gone on to succeed in life., principal **Jay Novacek** positively influenced their lives and this essay competition is my way of encouraging students to appreciate their experience at Olathe West High School too.

The winning essay will earn a merit-based *college endowment scholarship* valued at \$40,000 over 4 years for the student who meets and follows the contest rules to receive maximum funding assistance. **All students Freshmen through Seniors are encouraged to participate.**

The contest begins **June 1, 2024**, and application and essay must be submitted by **July 4, 2024**. In the case of a tie, the student who submits their **application and essay** earliest will break the tie.

To apply, send a personal email with the student's name in the subject line to: **OWHS@edfunds.org** The application and contest information will be sent immediately by return email to your email address.

Or, in your **browser window** type: **<http://owhs.edfunds.org>**
The required documents will appear for printing for submission of your entry. If 20 or more students apply, I will sponsor both a male and female winner. All participants receive a FREE college planning guide.

Sincerely,

Juan Garibay

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Questions? (520) 979 2041

Statement of Purpose-RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Dear Olathe West High School Students and Parents:

As a life-long learner and a person who enjoys the benefit of higher education, it is my great honor to sponsor the **“School Spirit Essay Competition.”**

The winner will earn a merit-based endowment membership scholarship sponsored by me and valued at \$40,000 over 4 years for the student who meets and **follows the rules to receive maximum assistance.** All students’ grades “Freshmen through Seniors” may participate. **THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE.**

The awards which come **directly from the endowment funds of the college the winner could select to attend**, based on talents, fields of interest and career, NOT with income and assets. This is about your School Spirit and the value of the education opportunities your school offers and what it means to you the student. This essay scholarship award is my way of showing appreciation for my Sons’ education, the community and the opportunities opened to them through higher education.

It is my goal to encourage every student to make the most of their unique potential in appreciation for the education and inspiration at Olathe West as expressed in your essay. Your application and essay of 350 - 500 typewritten words, must be submitted on or before **Midnight – July 4, 2024.**

Your **application** and **essay (no links)** MUST be attached to your email and sent to:

owhsessay@edfunds.org **Make certain you application and essay contain your name** and reflect your school spirit and why you are proud to be attending Olathe West High School. Both a female and male student will be selected if 20 or more students take part in this competition.

The rules are outlined in our PURPOSE AND RULES below and the scholarship selection committee, made up of community members, **will be announced to the winners and schools, July 15, 2024.**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND RULES

We know there are many people in your high school community who give above and beyond what is required to promote and uphold the traditions of excellence and spirit of your school. Think of someone, student, parent, staff member or others and describe how that person has had an influence on your life and your school. Please expand on the inspiration that person supplies to encourage you to lead by example as you move through, and beyond high school. Be creative, be original and keep in mind that 70% of the score will come from the content of your essay so give it thought. Have fun and think of someone from your high school who has had an influence on your life and in our community.

1. **You must be accepted at 6 or more schools.** (We will show you how to apply to 6 without fees)
2. **You must file the FAFSA and other required school applications.** (Required for ANY scholarships)
3. **You must follow our recommended negotiation strategies** throughout your college career.
 - A. Send application and essay by **Midnight July 4, 2024.**
 - B. email to: owhsessay@edfunds.org (no links - Please attach actual documents)
Resume’ optional.
 - C. Questions? Call - 800 743 4731 ext. 2.

Olathe West High School Spirit Essay Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____

School Attending: **Olathe West High School** Counselor: _____

GPA _____ (4 point scale **only**) SAT _____ ACT _____ (If completed or N/A) Graduation Class Of 20 _____

Scholastic Awards and Achievements _____

Fields Of Interest _____

Preferred Colleges _____

Jobs _____ Sports _____

Community Service (Type and total hours) _____

Father's Full Name _____ Email _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Daytime Phone Parent 1. (____) _____ Parent 2. (____) _____

Father's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Number Of Siblings ____ Names and Ages _____

Your Essay of 350–500 typewritten words on the topic: **Think of someone, student, parent, staff member or others and describe how that person has made a difference in your life at your high school. Please expand on the inspiration that person provides to encourage you to lead by example through, and beyond high school.**

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Email application and essay (**no links**) to: OWHSessay@edfunds.org **DEADLINE:** Midnight July 4, 2024

Only Judges enter below this line.

Score - Content _____ 70% Originality _____ 20% Form _____ 10% Total _____

COMMENTS