

WRITE TO EDUCATE



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2025 Write to Educate Essay Contest

LAFCU is awarding four \$5,000 scholarships, along with a \$500 donation to a Michigan charity.

LAFCU is seeking seniors attending high school in Michigan to participate in our annual Write to Educate essay contest. Students attending **an accredited college or university in the state of Michigan** in the Fall of 2025 should apply.

The Lansing State Journal is a community sponsor of the 2025 Write to Educate Essay Contest. This year's winner(s) essays will be published in the Lansing State Journal.

TASK:

Write a one-page 500 word essay (essays not meeting 500 word count or exceeding one-page will be excluded from scoring)

- Typed in Times New Roman
- 12 point font
- Single spaced
- One-inch margins
- Do not include your name or school name in your essay

TOPIC:

If you could create a new course to teach in high schools, what would it be and why would it be beneficial to students?

GRADING:

Students will be graded using a 1-10 point scale with the following criteria:

- Specifically followed the requirements and directions of the essay contest
- Content
- Correct spelling/grammar

Employees of LAFCU and their immediate family members are excluded

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED:

February 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025

Please upload entries to:

- lafcu.com/writetoeducate (if you are under 18, please complete page 3 of the application and mail to the address below)
or
- Mail entries to:
LAFCU
Attn: Marketing Department
P.O. Box 26188
Lansing, MI 48909

* If mailing, please complete and mail the attached application with your essay.

WINNERS:

The winners will be selected by Friday, April 25, 2025. A copy of a current high school student identification card or transcript will validate the winner's eligibility.

Community Donation

- As part of our mission of people helping people, LAFCU will donate \$500 to a charitable organization in Michigan on your behalf if you are selected as a 2025 Write to Educate scholarship recipient. Charitable organizations must be a registered 501(c)(3) within the state of Michigan and provide proof upon selection.

Awarding of the Scholarship:

- The winner must be attending college in the state of Michigan and provide proof of attendance by college ID or enrollment confirmation. Students must have a valid Student ID number as the funds will be submitted to the respective college in the winner's name.
- Any unused portion of the scholarship after two years from the date of issue may be returned to the grantor.

Write to Educate Essay Contest Application

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____

Current High School _____

What grade are you in? _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

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How did you hear about the Write to Educate scholarship? _____

Are you a LAFUCU member? (not required to apply) Yes _____ No _____

What college or university in will you be attending in the fall?

If chosen as a recipient, what charitable organization would like us to donate to on our behalf? Charitable organizations must be a registered 501(c)(3) within the state of Michigan and provide proof upon selection.

Charity Name: _____

Charity Address: _____

Charity Phone Number: _____

Why is this charitable organization meaningful to you? _____

*Applicant's signature _____ Date ___/___/___

*By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not plagiarized in any manner. You are also giving LAFUCU and the Lansing State Journal permission to use your name and/or photograph in marketing, media, and promotional materials, as well as the ability to publish your essay. Signature may be verified upon winning.

*Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/___

*If the student is under 18 years of age, the parent/guardian will need to sign giving LAFUCU permission to use the student's name and/or photograph in marketing, media and promotional materials. Signature may be verified upon winning.

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