

Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation
2012 College Scholarship Competition

For the sixth consecutive year, the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is offering college scholarships to be awarded in a writing competition. Applicants will submit an essay, not to exceed 2,000 words in length, on the following topic: *“In the upcoming presidential election, what issue is most important to young adults, and how must a candidate address it in order to earn your vote?”*

Submissions will be judged on the basis of responsiveness to the topic, overall literacy and grammatical accuracy, relevance to current events and/or community concerns in the Warwick area, and other criteria as the judges think appropriate. Authors of the three essays judged to be the best of those submitted will each receive \$1,000 toward the cost of college tuition, paid directly to their college.

Any high school senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District is welcome to participate. The student need not be enrolled in Warwick Valley High School.

Essays are due to the Library by 4:00pm on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Students should bring six (6) printed copies of the essay, together with a cover sheet showing their name, mailing address, phone number and email address to the Circulation Desk. ***The essay must not contain any information that identifies the writer***; judges will not know who wrote each essay. To ensure fairness to all applicants, the April 15th deadline is firm and final.

The three scholarships will be awarded in early May by Foundation member Glenn P. Dickes and Susan D. Dickes, who have sponsored two scholarships since the competition’s inception in 2007, and by Carol Hope Arber, who added a third award this year. The Foundation and Library deeply appreciate their generosity.