

Keys to Financial Success Essay Contest Fall 2016

\$2500 Scholarship

The Delaware Bankers Association will award a **\$2500 scholarship** to a student enrolled in the Keys to Financial Success course this semester.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Students enrolled in grades 10-12 who will complete their Keys to Financial Success course by the end of January are eligible for the Fall Scholarship.

*(For a year-long course, participating teachers must choose **either** the Fall **or** the Spring Contest)*

DEADLINE

All essays must be received by **Friday, January 13, 2017** to be considered for the scholarship.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit essays to:

**Keys Essay Scholarship
c/o Scott Bacon
102 Alfred Lerner Hall
Newark, DE 19716**

Essays may be submitted before winter break if you wish. Please allow enough time for them to arrive if you are going to send them by courier.

TEACHERS:

If you have:

0-59 students: submit **your best 5 essays**.

60-100 students: submit **your best 8 essays**.

over 100 students: submit **your best 10 essays**.

It is recommended that this essay be used as a whole-class writing assignment that will help students practice Common Core writing skills. The Grade 11 Argumentative Writing Rubric is a good measure for the students to use when writing their essay.

CRITERIA:

Students should write a **two to three page essay, double spaced, Times New Roman font 12**, explaining:

“Why I Need Personal Finance Knowledge and Skills”

Essays should provide **specific** examples related to Keys to Financial Success themes, knowledge, and skills. Essays will be judged based on organization, purpose, evidence, elaboration and conventions.

- I. Essays must be submitted by the teacher for consideration. No essays will be accepted directly from students. Essays must be the original work of the student.
- II. Judging will be done by representatives of the Delaware Bankers Association and the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship.
- III. Awarding of the scholarship will take place at the Delaware Bankers Association Annual Meeting on May 11, 2017, at the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont. The recipient of the scholarship and parent(s) or guardians **must be present** to accept the scholarship.