



STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

NISOD invites you to participate in the Scott Wright Student Essay Contest!

Describe in a 500-word essay how a faculty member, staff member, or administrator encouraged you to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college and how that encouragement helped you reach your goal(s).

The Prize

Three (3) winning student authors and the featured faculty members, staff members, or administrators in the winning essays will each receive:

- \$1,000 USD
- Travel to the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (May 25-28 in Austin, Texas), which includes:
 - Up to \$400 USD toward travel to Austin, Texas;
 - Up to three (3) nights lodging (Saturday, Sunday, Monday nights only);
 - One (1) complimentary conference registration.

(Note: Winning authors will read their essays on stage during the conference's Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration on Sunday, May 26.)

In addition, each winning student author's college will receive a complimentary one-year NISOD membership.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Content
- Originality
- Clarity
- Organization
- Conciseness
- Grammar

Timeline

- Contest opens: August 21, 2023
- Submission deadline: March 8, 2024
- Winners notified: March 22, 2024
- Winner acceptance due: April 5, 2024
- Winners' photos due: April 19, 2024
- Prize and essay presentations at NISOD conference: May 26, 2024

Visit www.nisod.org/sec for complete details.



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