

# The Recovery Centers of America Scholarship Contest

## Official Scholarship Rules

**NO PURCHASE OR TRANSACTION NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE OR TRANSACTION DOES NOT INCREASE CHANCES OF WINNING. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY.**

**SPONSOR: RECOVERY CENTERS OF AMERICA, 2701 RENAISSANCE BLVD, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Recovery Centers of America Scholarship Contest (“Promotion”) is open only to U.S. Citizens and legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia who are 18 years of age or older at the time of application and who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2020) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (college, university or trade school) (“College”). To be eligible, applicants must be pursuing or applying to pursue a degree with the goal of a career in working with individuals affected by substance use disorder/addiction and their families. Current employees, officers, directors and agents of Recovery Centers of America and its related companies and members of their immediate families (defined as spouse, parents, siblings and children) and persons residing at the same address are not eligible to win. By participating in the Promotion, you release, discharge and hold harmless the Sponsor, its respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, retailers, advertising and promotion agencies and the respective officers, directors, employees and agents of each of the foregoing, from any and all damages whether direct or indirect, which may be due to or arise out of participation in the Promotion or any portion thereof, or the acceptance, use/misuse or possession of any prize. By participating, you agree to these Official Rules and to the decisions of the judges and Sponsor, which are final and binding in all respects. Void where prohibited by law, rule or regulation. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.
2. **HOW TO ENTER:** Applicants must submit an essay of 750 to 1000 words, bio and personal data (birthdate, address, phone number, and email address together with the name of the college university or trade school and course of study applicant attends or plans to attend) by email to [scholarship@recoverycoa.com](mailto:scholarship@recoverycoa.com) no later December 31, 2019 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time. Limit one (1) application per person. Multiple or duplicate entries from the same individual will be disqualified. Submissions that are late, illegible, incomplete, obscene or otherwise objectionable will be disqualified. By submitting an entry, the applicant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Contest.
3. **CONTEST ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:** Your essay must be written in English, with correct spelling and grammar. No corrections, revisions, or substitutions will be accepted once an essay has been submitted. Essays and all materials submitted with a contest entry are the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. [Leave out bio?] Essay must address the following topic: It is imperative for individuals and families to have access to high-quality, affordable, and effective substance use/addiction treatment programs in an environment that is comfortable and close to home. How do you plan to use your degree to help individuals and families affected by the disease of addiction? How do you plan to aid individuals in recovery?
4. **SPONSOR NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:** Sponsor and Related Entities are not responsible for any problems or technical, hardware, or software malfunctions of any telephone

network or telephone lines, failed, incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete, garbled or delayed electronic communications whether caused by the sender or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in this Scholarship Contest, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by Sponsor due to technical problems, human error or traffic congestion, unavailable network connections on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including, without limitation, any injury or damage to entrant's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participating in this Scholarship Program or downloading any materials in this Scholarship Program. Entry does not create a confidential, fiduciary, or other special relationship, and the applicant's decision to enter the scholarship contest does not place the Sponsor or any related entities in a position that is any different from the position held by members of general public with regard to the applicant or the contents of the entry.

5. SELECTION OF CONTEST WINNER: Contest judges will grade entries based upon the following criteria:
  - Focus – How well did you stick to your main idea? Is it insightful and original?
  - Support – How effectively did you support the ideas expressed in your essay?
  - Creativity – How unique were your ideas? Did you present them in a creative way?
  - Organization – Is the essay clear, organized, and easy to read?
  - Style and Language – How well did you utilize style and vocabulary to enhance your essay?
  - Grammar – Are there grammar, spelling, or punctuation mistakes?
6. PRIZE: Winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to be spent on tuition, fees, books, or supplies required for the winning student's classes at an accredited university, college or trade school. When eligibility is verified, payment will be made to the appropriate school bursar's office for application toward qualifying expenses for the current or next academic term. Scholarship prize money may not be assigned, transferred, or changed except at the sole discretion of the Sponsor. The award winner is solely responsible for paying all applicable federal, state and local taxes, if any, and all other unspecified expenses associated with acceptance and/or use of the Prize.
7. REQUIREMENTS TO CLAIM PRIZE: The Award of any scholarship prize is contingent upon full compliance with these Official rules and subject to Sponsor's verification of the applicant's eligibility, age, and enrollment in a qualifying university, college or trade school. An affidavit of Eligibility may be required. The Award Winner will be notified by e-mail following the deadline for entry. The Award Winner must sign an acknowledgment and publicity release as a condition of the Award. In the event that the Award Winner does not sign the acknowledgment within five (5) days of receiving notification or the Award Winner's eligibility cannot be verified, the Award winner will be disqualified and an alternate Award Winner will be selected based upon the standards and process described above.
8. RELEASE OF LIABILITY: By entering, applicants acknowledge that Sponsor is not liable for injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising from participation in this Scholarship Contest and/or acceptance, possession and use of Scholarship Prize. Sponsor is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Scholarship Program or in the announcement of the Scholarship Prize. Any potential tax consequences are the responsibility of the Award Winner. Recovery Centers of America does not provide legal, tax, or financial advice.

9. **PRIVACY:** By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that the Sponsor and Related Entities may call or send you information that may be of interest to you, subject to Sponsor's privacy policy at <https://recoverycentersofamerica.com/privacy-policy/>
10. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Except where prohibited, by entering the scholarship contest, applicant agrees that all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of participants and Sponsor and their agents shall be governed by and construed exclusively in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law of any jurisdiction. Applicant agrees that any action at law or in equity arising out of or relating to this Scholarship Program, or awarding of the prizes, shall be filed only in the state or federal courts located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and applicant hereby consents and submits to the personal jurisdiction of such courts for the purposes of litigating any such action. Except where prohibited, by participating in this Scholarship Program, applicant agrees that: (a) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Scholarship Program, or awarding of the Scholarship Prizes, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and (b) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with participating in this Scholarship Program but in no event attorneys' fees; and (c) under no circumstances will any participant be permitted to obtain awards for and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased. Some jurisdictions do not allow the limitations or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.
11. **CANCELLATION:** Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, modify or suspend the scholarship contest for any reason.
12. **USE OF INFORMATION:** The information provided in connection with the Scholarship Contest Entry is disclosed solely to Sponsor and Related Entities and may be used for Sponsor's internal, promotional, and advertising purposes and to send entrants information about Sponsor's services. The submission of an entry constitutes permission to post the Award Winner's name on Sponsor's website and use Award Winner's name, hometown, and/or likeness for the purpose of advertising without further compensation or right of review, unless prohibited by law. Applicants may unsubscribe from future communications consistent with Sponsor's privacy policy at <https://recoverycentersofamerica.com/privacy-policy/>
13. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES/INDEMNIFICATION:** Each person who enters this Scholarship Contest represents and warrants to Sponsor as follows: (i) the Application, including the written response submission is the applicant's own original, previously unpublished, and previously unproduced work; (ii) the written response submission is wholly original with applicant and as of the date of submission, is not the subject of any actual or threatened litigation or claim; (iii) the written response submission neither infringes upon nor violates the intellectual property rights or other rights of any other person or entity; (iv) the written response submission does not and will not violate any applicable laws, and meets the requirements set forth above. Each applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Sponsor harmless from and against any and all third party claims, actions or proceedings of any kind and from any and all damages, liabilities, costs and expenses relating to or arising out of any breach

or alleged breach of any of the warranties, representations or agreements of applicant hereunder.

14. NO OBLIGATION TO USE: Sponsor shall have no obligation (express or implied) to use any winning Entry, or to otherwise exploit a winning Entry or continue the development, production, distribution or exploitation thereof, and Sponsor may at any time abandon the use of the winning Entry for any reason, with or without legal justification or excuse, and the Scholarship Prize Recipients shall not be entitled to any damages or other relief by reason thereof.
15. LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: The name of the Award Winner will be posted on [recoverycentersofamerica.com](http://recoverycentersofamerica.com)