# 2015 Mackinac Center for Public Policy Debate Scholarships

Students that have registered and have an active 2015 Debate Workshop account are eligible to submit a Debate Workshop Op-ed Essay with a chance to win one of three \$2,500 college scholarships.

### **Requirements:**

- Create and maintain an active 2015 Mackinac Center for Public Policy Debate Workshop account
- Submit an original op-ed\* essay and a complete application form to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Both the op-ed and the application form must be submitted to be eligible for the scholarships. The essay is to be related to this year's resolution.

\*See the Op-Ed Writing Guidelines for a full description of the requirements.

All submissions become the property of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. By submitting a written op-ed for the scholarship, you agree that the Mackinac Center for Public Policy may seek publication in various media, including newspapers and the Mackinac Center's Web site. You also agree that your submission may be edited for clarity before publication.

#### **Details:**

Both an op-ed piece and a completed application form must be submitted prior to the deadline to qualify. The op-ed essay and application form can either be mailed to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Attn: Debate Scholarships, P.O. Box 568, Midland, MI 48640. Or, you may submit both the application and op-ed essay as attachments in pdf format only to DebateScholarships@mackinac.org

No photocopies or other electronic formats will be accepted.

The first page of your essay submission should include your name, address, phone, along with the high school that you attend. **Please do not include your name on any pages that include the text of your essay**. Submissions will be anonymous to the judging panel.

Please refer to the attached Op-Ed Writing Guidelines and the samples as you are preparing your submission. Finalist submissions are run through the iThenticate ® Plagiarism Detection Software.

### **Payment of Scholarship Award:**

The scholarship will only be paid in the school year immediately following high school graduation. Each \$2,500 scholarship will be paid in the form of a check written to the recipient and the institution of higher learning jointly. The scholarship recipient must present documentation to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy verifying enrollment and showing tuition and fees due.

# **Important Date:**

Your application form and op-ed essay submission must be postmarked or time stamped on or before January 31, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered.