



Sustainability in Action

2022-2023 ROSEMEAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Essay Writing Details and Topics:

Theme:

- An Environmental Partner (see attached for a list of essay questions)

Deadline:

- Entries must be submitted to mwang@republicservices.com by **April 15, 2022**.

Eligibility:

- The essay contest is open to City of Rosemead college-bound graduating seniors who are residents of the City of Rosemead.

Scholarship Awards:

- Five (5) \$1,000 individual scholarships will be awarded to five recipients.

Writing Guidelines:

- Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 11 point font (Open Sans). Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the contestants.

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit only one essay per student. Send entries to: mwang@republicservices.com. Please include your essay in the body of the e-mail **and** as an attached PDF document. Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, school name, and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:

- A panel of judges will evaluate all essays based upon creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment, and a vision for the future. Submissions will also be judged based upon writing standards set forth in A Writer's Reference and required by most colleges and universities. Decisions by the judges are *final*.
- Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by Republic Services.

Essay Topics:

1. Why does Cal Recycle want to reduce all organic waste in landfills by 75 percent by the year 2025?
2. Explain where resources like plastic, paper, and metal come from, and how they are impacted by recycling.
3. What are the 3 different types of trash material that trash companies in California service weekly, and why is each one so important?
4. What are 2 positive environmental outcomes that can be created from recycling organic waste material, and what are two negative outcomes from not recycling organic materials?
5. Contamination is a big problem in recycling programs. Describe what contamination is, and how students and communities can solve the contamination problem.