

December 15, 2016

DEAR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND CONSELORS:

This year once again, the Pony Express Riders of Kansas are sponsoring a scholarship essay contest for seniors graduating from high schools in Washington, Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan Counties. The seventeen available scholarships are as follows: First Place \$2,000.00; two \$1,500.00; three \$1,000.00; six \$750.00; and five \$500.00 scholarships. Enclosed you will find the application; contest Rules and listing of high schools in these counties. Please include these on your school scholarship list.

We are asking that you make these materials available to seniors in your high school and that you arrange to collect completed applications and return them to us by **March 15th, 2017** Finally, we ask that you mail completed applications to: **Kansas NPEA, %Lyle Ladner, 2458 Navajo Rd, Frankfort, KS 66427.**

We do appreciate your effort in helping us with this process. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at 785-353-2432, 785-799-5538, e-mail ladshouse@bluevalley.net

Lyle Ladner
Pony Express
Scholarship Committee

PONY EXPRESS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

The Pony Express Members of the State of Kansas have established the Pony Express Scholarship Essay Contest. The seventeen available scholarships will be awarded to the top entries chosen by the judges.

1. Open to any senior who will graduate in May and enrolled in a high school located in Washington, Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan County.
2. The essay must conform to the following rules:
 - a. Be based on the topic:
:The Pattee House being the eastern starting point of the Pony Express; Detail the use of the hotel in conjunction with the operation of the pony express 1860-1861''
 - b. Provide a list of information sources, or formal bibliography on the last page;
 - c. Be limited to a minimum of 300 and a maximum of 500 words;
 - d. Can be submitted by mail or e-mail;
 - e. Be typewritten, double spaced, on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper;
 - f. Essays become the property of the Pony Express;
 - g. The seventeen winners will be announced by May 1st.
3. **The essay must be accompanied by a typed and completed application form.**
4. Submit completed application and essay before **March 15th 2017 to:**
Kansas NPEA, %Lyle Ladner
2458 Navajo Rd, Frankfort 66427
5. The Scholarship must be used to attend any accredited university, college, junior college or vocational technical college. Scholarship funds will be sent to the winning recipient's school of choice.
6. **Read and follow all instructions carefully.**

APPLICATION
2016-2017 School Year
PONY EXPRESS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

High School Attending: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Please include a copy of High School transcript.

Name and Address of Parent/Guardian:

Post Secondary School You Plan to Attend:

Planned Area of Study:

Citizenship:

- a. School Activities
- b. Community Activities
- c. Home and Family Activities
- d. Honors or Recognition

Employment\Work History:

- a. Home\Family
- b. Paid Employment

The winner will be determined based on the following criteria:

1. The Essay 70%
 - a. Adherence to accepted rules of writing, grammar, and punctuation.
 - b. Originality and development of topic.
 - c. Historical accuracy.
2. The Contestant 30%
 - a. Citizenship in the home, school, and community.
 - b. Evidence of a responsible work history at home and employment.
 - c. Above average grades when compared with other member of the graduating class.
3. The selection committee will be made up of the President and Treasurer of the Kansas Pony Express Association and four other Kansas Pony Express Members.

Distributed to High School Principals and counselors in these counties by **December 20th** of each year.

MARSHALL

Marysville 364	Marysville High School
Vermillion 380	Frankfort High School Centralia High School
Valley Heights 498	Valley Heights High School

WASHINGTON

Washington 222	Washington High School
Barnes 223	Hanover High School Linn High School

NEMAHA

Sabetha 113	Sabetha High School Wetmore High School Axtell High School
Nemaha Valley 115	Nemaha Valley High School

BROWN

Hiawatha 415	Hiawatha High School
Horton 430	Horton High School

DONIPHAN

Riverside Disc. 114	Wathena High School Elwood High School
Doniphan West 411	Highland High School
Troy 429	Troy High School

