Triton College Library Hosts GED/High School Student Essay Contest

The Triton College Library has established an essay contest for GED and high school students who live within Triton's district.

Resident students are invited to participate and write an essay based on a specific theme driven by this year's topic. One winning essay will be chosen from all entries submitted and the student writer awarded a cash prize of $300 and a three-credit hour tuition waiver for Triton College courses.

The Triton College Library 2011 Essay Contest guidelines are as follows:

2011 Topic: Cyberbullying is the new face of an old problem—schoolyard bullying. It has developed alongside new forms of media and communication, such as text messaging, e-mailing, chat rooms, instant messaging, tweets, and even on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

It is important to raise awareness about cyberbullying and how it can be prevented. What strategies can be used to prevent the rise of cyberbullying? In what ways may it be necessary to alter social networking sites and communication tools in order to make social interaction and communication safe, yet enjoyable, especially for children, teens and young adults?

Eligibility: TCL contest is open to all high school students enrolled in their public or private high-school senior year in 2010-2011 in the 25 communities which Triton College serves (Bellwood, Berkeley, Broadview, Brookfield, Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Harwood Heights, Hillside, Hines, LaGrange Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Norridge, Northlake, North Riverside, Norwood Park, Oak Park, River Forest, River Grove, Riverside, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Stone Park and Westchester). The essay contest is also open to GED students enrolled in the Triton College GED Program.

Format: The essay should be three to five pages long, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font, with 1.5 inch margins, and neat. The essays must be in English. Each student can submit only one essay. If more than one is submitted, the essay postmarked first will be taken into consideration. Others will be disqualified.

Criteria: The essays will be judged on their quality of ideas and writing, on creativity, organization and development of the ideas, and presentation (including vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Deadline: Submissions must be postmarked by April 15, 2011. The submission must include seven copies of the original essay and an entry form downloadable from the Library's Web page. For a Submission Form go to: http://www.triton.edu/library; choose New at the Library; and click on Submission Form.

The essays will be judged by the Triton College Library Award Committee. The committee will receive the essays anonymously. The winner and his/her high school will be notified by e-mail, mail and a phone call. The winning essay will be posted on the Triton College Library blog.

The award will be presented at a ceremony in May 2011 at Triton College.

Entries must be mailed to: Triton College Library Award Committee, Triton College Library, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, Ill. 60171.

For additional information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3770, or visit www.triton.edu/library.