

Community College Baccalaureate Association Essay Contest

**\$1,000 to the contest winner and an additional \$1,000
to the *winner's community college!***

The Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA) is sponsoring an essay contest to find out what students think about community colleges offering baccalaureate (four-year) college degrees on their campuses, the challenges of finding degree programs close to their homes and obstacles students must overcome in order to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Awards

\$1,000 and an all expense paid trip to the Fifth Annual Community College Baccalaureate Association Conference, *Emerging Trends and Policy Issues*, in New York City from March 4 - 6, 2005 will be awarded to the individual with the winning essay.

\$1,000 will also be awarded to the Student Government Association of the winner's college.

Essay Rules and Regulations

All essays must comply with the following contest rules:

- Each contestant may submit only one essay.
- No literary form other than an essay will be accepted for judging.
- Contestant must be currently enrolled in a community college.
- Essay must be typed using 12-point type.
- The essay text is limited to a maximum of 500 words and a minimum of 400.
- Essay must reflect the contestant's own research, writing and original thinking.
- Essay must have the following at the top of the first page submitted:
 - Essay title
 - Author's name, address, telephone number and email address
 - Community college name, address, telephone number
- Additional essay pages must have the author's name typed at the top right hand corner.
- Entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2004 or emailed by midnight of the same date to Beth Hagan, Community College Baccalaureate Association, P. O. Box 60210, Ft. Myers, FL 33906 or BHagan7@aol.com.
- Essays will become the property of the Community College Baccalaureate Association. The essays may be printed in educational publications and used in the future to promote the CCBA mission.

Essay Topics

Contestant must choose to write about one of the following three topics:

- "Why it's important for me to earn my Baccalaureate degree while I live at home."
- "Should my state offer 4-year degrees in our community colleges?"
- "Why I need easier access to a Baccalaureate degree."

Judging

Judging will take place in early January and the winner will be notified by February 1.

Good luck and thank you for participating in the CCBA essay contest. For more information about CCBA, visit our website at www.accbd.org. Questions? Call Sue 239-596-7990