

## 2020 Commonwealth Governor's School Leadership Scholarship



V. Earl Dickinson was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1972 and served the Commonwealth until his retirement in 2001. Delegate Dickinson was instrumental in transforming the Commonwealth Governor's School from a dream to a reality.

**Purpose:** To award scholarship money in the amount of \$1000, \$500, and \$250 to the first, second and third place winners of the senior essay contest. Essays will be evaluated for format (10 pts), English composition (20 pts), style (20 pts), development/creativity (25 pts), and reader response (25 pts).

**Essay Prompt:**

*The year is 2080. You have just died. Write your own obituary. It must include one major life failure, real or imagined, and how you overcame it.*

**Procedure:**

1. All CGS seniors whose families joined the CGS PTO by **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020** are eligible to submit an essay. To join the CGS PTO, please use the link below.
2. The deadline for essay submission is **Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 before midnight**. Submit your entry in the following manner:
  - Cover page that includes your name, date, and CGS site
  - At least 2 but no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, MS Word document
  - Use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman, 12 point font
  - Use a separate page to document references, if used, in MLA format.
3. Email your essay as an attachment to **powellkr223@hotmail.com**. *Put your name and "CGS Essay" in the subject line of your email; otherwise your entry may be lost.* You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt. If you do not; please follow up to confirm delivery. **Kevin Powell 540-295-0778**.
4. Awardees will be selected by the PTO scholarship committee, made up of CGS-PTO parents who do not have seniors, and will be announced at the Senior Recognition Ceremony **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

CGS PTO Membership Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeptO3yEFLEDRW-HpQXaL7X9ZCfI3-5JxWkmmzr\\_f172Gfc6Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeptO3yEFLEDRW-HpQXaL7X9ZCfI3-5JxWkmmzr_f172Gfc6Q/viewform)