

2023 Commonwealth Governor's School Senior Essay Scholarship Competition



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; this scholarship honors his leadership in the funding and opening of the Fredericksburg area CGS program in 1995.

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, composition, style, creativity, and reader response.

Essay Prompt:

You have just finished your 300-page autobiography. Please submit pages 217-218.

Eligibility:

All CGS seniors whose families join the CGS PTO by **Thursday, February 16, 2023** are eligible to submit an essay. To join the CGS PTO, please use the link below.

Procedure:

1. The deadline for essay submission is **Sunday, April 2, 2023 before midnight**. Submit your entry in the following manner:

- Cover page that includes your name, date, and CGS site
- At least two but no more than three 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.

2. Email your essay as an attachment to **kristengarvie@gmail.com**. Put your name and "CGS Essay" in the subject line of your email. You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt. If you do not, please follow up via text to confirm delivery with Kristen Garvie at 540-455-5466. This is important, so do not overlook this step if necessary.

3. 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 14, 2023**.

CGS PTO membership link: <HTTPS://tinyurl.com/CGSMember23>