

## **The Rhonda Mortensen Team 2010 Scholarship Official Rules/Guidelines**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Graduating high school senior, enrolled full time, residing in zip code 20901 or 20910 accepted to a Junior or Four year college for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher. Official high school transcript required.

### **Essay Requirements**

- Essay topic, 'Ways I Can Make a Difference' – often it is easy to set goals for yourself but what about helping others? Tell us what you are passionate about and how you have or plan to use your skills, experiences and/or interests to make a difference in other people's lives, your community or the world.
- 300 word essay, written in English, typed using 12-point font, double spaced.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

- Three individual letters of recommendation reflecting the applicants' positive attitude. Letters may be written and sent by principal, counselor, teacher, employer, etc.
- Recommendation letters should be mailed directly to The Rhonda Mortensen Team at the address below, from the writer, not the applicant.

### **Scholarship Award**

- One (1), \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded and paid by helpmerhondarealestate LLC.
- The winner will be notified by May 10, 2010.
- Acceptance of the scholarship shall constitute permission for The Rhonda Mortensen Team to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation.
- Winning essay may be published by The Rhonda Mortensen Team in marketing materials or on [www.helpmerhondamortensen.com](http://www.helpmerhondamortensen.com).
- All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Disbursement of funds is contingent upon winner providing The Rhonda Mortensen Team with proof of enrollment at a qualified school in the Fall of 2010.

### **Submission Requirements**

- Applications must be sent via U.S. Mail and postmarked by April 16, 2010.
- Scholarship application must be completely filled out and submitted with an essay. Three letters of recommendation sent by recommendation writers must also be received by April 16, 2010.
- Only one application and essay may be submitted per person.
- Any essay not within these guidelines will be ineligible for the scholarship.
- This is an essay contest and not a lottery. It is void where prohibited or restricted by law or ordinance.
- All entries become the property of The Rhonda Mortensen Team and cannot be returned.
- All information is subject to verification.
- The Rhonda Mortensen Team is not responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected or arrive with postage due.

### **Essay Criteria & Evaluation Process**

- The Rhonda Mortensen Team and its advisors will determine eligibility based on the information in the application, essay and recommendations.
- Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria: Does the essay address the assigned topic? Does the essay display originality? Does the essay possess clear writing skill, including spelling and grammar? How has the student described how they have made a difference in other people's lives, the community or the world? Or, have they described how they plan to do this in the future? What is the strength of the combined recommendations?
- All decisions will be final.

### **How to Submit an Application Package**

- Applications can be obtained at [www.helpmerhondarealestate.com](http://www.helpmerhondarealestate.com) or requests can be sent via email to [rhondamortensen@aol.com](mailto:rhondamortensen@aol.com). **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.**
- Mail all materials to Rhonda Mortensen, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. Bethesda Gateway Office, 4650 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

