

**CINCINNATI ENQUIRER – GREATER CINCINNATI COLLEGIATE CONNECTION
SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR TO WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF WINNING. SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

The Contest shall begin on March 4, 2018 and shall conclude on April 8th, 2018.

Eligibility. Subject to the additional restrictions below, the **Cincinnati Enquirer-Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection (GC3) Scholarship Contest** (the “Contest”) is open to legal U.S. residents of Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky who are at least 14 years of age, high school juniors or seniors, in good academic standing at a public or private high school in Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky, high school graduate or GED recipients at the time of entry. Employees and contractors of Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection (“Promotional Sponsor”), Cincinnati Enquirer (“Sponsor”), Gannett Co., Inc., and each of their respective affiliated companies, and advertising and promotional agencies, and the immediate family members of, and any persons domiciled with, any such employees or contractors, are not eligible to enter or to win.

How to Enter. The Contest will begin on March 4th, 2018 and end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday April 8th, 2018 on (the “**Contest Entry Period**”). To enter, complete an Official Entry Form, available at URL: www.gc3collegiateconnection.org, and submit an original essay on the topic, “**Why I want to go to a college or university in Greater Cincinnati and start my career here.**” All essays must be the sole, original work of the entrant, must be typewritten in English, and must be between 500-1,000 words. Complete the entry form with all required information (including your name, age, grade, email address, mailing address, phone number, name and address of the student’s high school, graduation year/GED and which GC3 member school(s) you are interested in attending). Sponsor may disqualify previously published essays or those that have won previous awards or competitions. Limit one (1) entry per person.

Sponsor will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, postage-due, misdirected, or illegible entries. Entries that do not fall within the 500 - 1,000 words limit or that do not comply with the provisions of these Official Rules will be disqualified. All entries become property of Sponsor and none will be returned. Contestants acknowledge and agree that Sponsor and Promotional Sponsor shall have the right to edit, adapt, modify, reproduce, publish, promote, create a sound recording of, broadcast, or otherwise display or use entries in any way it sees fit without limitation or compensation to entrants. Sponsor further reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is alleged to infringe on any third-party’s intellectual property rights, or that Sponsor, in its sole discretion, deems obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by a general audience. By entering, you agree to receive e-mails from Sponsor, Promotional Sponsor or those directed by Sponsor or Promotional Sponsor. You can opt-out of the receipt of such e-mails by following the directions in any email received from Sponsor, Promotional Sponsor or those directed by Sponsor or Promotional Sponsor.

Entrants are solely responsible for ensuring that their participation in the Contest is not in conflict with NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA or other athletic association rules and restrictions applicable to an entrant’s eligibility to participate in NCAA Division I, II or III, NAIA, NJCAA or other athletic association sports.

Winner Selection. A panel of qualified judges selected by Promotional Sponsor will judge all eligible entries according to the following criteria: 50% content of essay/appropriateness for theme, and 50% clarity of writing. The ratings scale for each criterion will range from one (1) to ten (10), with ten (10) being the best score. Judging will conclude no later than May 1, 2018. The one (1) contestant with the highest cumulative score will be designated the Winner. In the event of a tie, tied entries will be re-judged on the same criteria listed above. Decisions of judges and Sponsor shall be final and binding in all respects.

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Prizes and Odds. Winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, provided by the Cincinnati Enquirer. The scholarship shall be applied to the winner's first year's college tuition (\$1,000). Winner must enroll as a full-time student **in a degree program** at a college, university or community college/regional campus to be eligible to receive the prize (65-mile radius of downtown Cincinnati). Winner must present an enrollment verification or other proof of full-time, degree-seeking enrollment to receive the scholarship award. If Winner does not enroll full-time in a degree program in a university, college, or community college/regional campus ***located in Greater Cincinnati***, he/she will forfeit his/her right to receive the scholarship. The forfeited scholarship will remain the property of the Promotional Sponsor. If the winner will be enrolling in NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA or other athletic association member institutions, the Association's Bylaws governing financial aid from outside sources and other Athletic Association rules apply. Winner is solely responsible for compliance with any Athletic Association rules and restrictions. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received.

Winner Notification and Acceptance. Winner will be notified during the first week of May, 2018 at the telephone number or email address provided on winner's entry form. Sponsor will call during regular business hours at number provided on entry form and will leave no messages. Failure to reach winner by phone after three (3) attempts, return of email notification as undeliverable, or failure of winner to respond to email notification within 48 hours may result in disqualification of winner, forfeiture of his or her interest in all prizes, and selection of a substitute winner from among all remaining eligible entries. To claim prize, winner must present a valid photo identification. Winners may waive their right to receive prizes. Prizes are nonassignable and nontransferable. No substitutions allowed by winner. Prizes are not redeemable for cash. Prize must be redeemed by August 31st 2019. Prizes and individual components of prize packages are subject to availability and Sponsor reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Winner solely responsible for reporting and payment of any taxes on prizes. Winner may be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility/liability certifying that the entrant's submission is entrant's original work, that entrant owns right to the work, that the submission has not previously won an award or prize in a contest and has not previously been published, and that entrant has complied with the Official Rules of the Contest, and a liability and publicity release (except where prohibited by law) which must be returned as directed by Sponsor. Failure to sign and return the affidavit or release, or to comply with any term or condition of these Official Rules, may result in a winner's disqualification, the forfeiture of his or her interest in the prize, and the award of the prize to a substitute winner. Except where prohibited, acceptance of any prize constitutes winner's consent to the publication of his or her name, biographical information and likeness in any media, including without limitation the Internet, for any commercial or promotional purpose, without further compensation. Prizes not won and claimed by eligible winners in accordance with these Official Rules will not be awarded and will remain the property of Sponsor.

Participation. By participating, contestants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify persons found tampering with or otherwise abusing any aspect of this Contest as solely determined by Sponsor. In the event the Contest is compromised by a virus, non-authorized human intervention, tampering or other causes beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor which corrupts or impairs the administration, security, fairness or proper operation of the Contest, Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Contest. Should the Contest be terminated prior to the stated expiration date, Sponsor reserves the right to award prizes based on the entries received before the termination date. Sponsors will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, postage-due, misdirected or illegible entries (either photos or ballots), poor quality photos, or for failure to receive entries or votes or other electronic communications due to transmission failures or technical failures of any kind, including, without limitation, malfunctioning of any network, hardware or software, whether originating with sender or Sponsor. The authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry will be considered the entrant. An "authorized account holder" shall mean the natural person assigned to such e-mail account by the Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with such e-mail account. A potential winner may be requested to provide proof that he or she is the authorized account holder of the e-mail address associated with a winning entry. In the event of a dispute, all online entries will be deemed to have been submitted by the owner of the ISP account from which they were sent. For these purposes, an ISP account holder shall mean the natural person assigned to such ISP account by the Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization responsible for assigning ISP addresses for the domain associated with such ISP account. Any questions regarding the number of entries, or votes submitted or the owner of an ISP account shall be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, and Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entries or votes by persons determined to be tampering with or abusing any aspect of the Contest.

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Copyright. By entering the Contest, each contestant grants to Sponsor and Promotional Sponsor an exclusive, royalty-free and irrevocable right and license to publish, print, edit or otherwise use the contestant's submitted entry, in whole or in part, for any purpose and in any manner or media (including, without limitation, the Internet) throughout the world in perpetuity, and to license others to do so, all without limitation or further compensation. Each contestant further agrees that if his/her entry is selected by Sponsor as the winning entry, he/she will sign any additional license or release that Sponsor or Promotional Sponsor may require, and will not publicly perform or display his or her submission without the express permission of Sponsor.

Construction. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any such provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, these rules shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained therein.

Sponsor. The Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection-Cincinnati Enquirer Scholarship Contest is sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection. The decisions of Sponsor and the Contest judges regarding the selection of winners and all other aspects of the Contest shall be final and binding in all respects. Sponsor will not be responsible for typographical, printing or other inadvertent errors in these Official Rules or in other materials relating to the Contest. For a list of winners (available after May 8, 2018) or a copy of these Official Rules, visit www.gccollegiateconnection.org or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Winners List/Official Rules" (as applicable), Enquirer Media / GC3 College Connection Scholarship, c/o C. Booker, 312 Elm Street, 17th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202. If you have any questions regarding this Contest, please call 513-768-8329, or email cbooker@gannett.com.