



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND RULES

Our program is based on the book, *The 5000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen. The book lays out the 28 principles that our Founding Fathers used to set up the most successful form of government the planet has ever seen. Our group wants to ensure that the next generation is aware of these principles. We hope that this awareness will help to ensure liberty and freedom forever. We believe that by participating in our scholarship program, high school seniors will be enlightened and get excited about learning more about the founding of this country, while competing with their peers to earn a cash award they can use for college tuition.

Applicant Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone# _____ Secondary Phone# _____

Email _____ School _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I affirm that my entry submitted with this application to The 5000 Year Leap Scholarship is my work, and I am aware that the use of work other than my own will disqualify me from the contest.

TERMS

If I am the winner of the scholarship contest, I agree that:

- I will make myself available, if invited, for media interviews.
- The work I turn in becomes the property of the Rutherford 912 5000 Year Leap Scholarship program.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student is required to obtain and read *The 5000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen, then write a 1500 word essay. (There is a free downloadable study guide at www.theforgottenman.org that the student might find helpful) Students can obtain the book from the following places:
- A limited number of books may be checked out from the Rutherford 912 library (please email us at info@rutherford912.org to check availability)
 - From a local library
 - At Amazon.com
- B. The following three criteria must be included in the applicant's essay.
- Describe the extremes of the political spectrum as viewed by our Founders. Where did they want America to be on that spectrum? Do you believe that America is currently on that point of the spectrum today? Explain.
 - Skousen lays out the 28 principles that founded this nation, which resulted in more progress in 200 years than had been achieved in the previous 5000 years. Choose four topics from the list below to include in your essay. For each topic you should discuss the Founders perspective on that topic and what the ramifications might be to America if we do not adhere to that perspective.
 - Why we need virtuous and moral leaders.
 - The role of religion in a society that is based on personal freedom and liberty.
 - Why the Founders chose a republic instead of a democracy, and what the benefits of a republic are to the citizens.
 - Why the Founders thought that government should ensure equal rights, but not equal things.
 - What was the Founders view on national debt?
 - The relationship between the ownership of property and liberty.
 - Why a strong local self-government is so important to freedom.
 - Finally, explain the impact that reading this book has had on you and your understanding of liberty.

The essay must be submitted with this application to the following address:

516 Starview Dr., Rutherfordton, NC 28139 Must be postmarked no later than: June 01, 2011

After the judging process, the winning student will be awarded the scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. If you are the winner, you will be contacted and given the specific date, time and location of the award ceremony.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Contact: Jennifer Naskov – info@rutherford912.org if you have any questions. **GOOD LUCK!!!**