

## Criteria for Scholarship Contestants-**COVID19 Update**

1. The contestant must be enrolled in a high school senior class in the Wiregrass.
2. The contestant must complete the enclosed application, which is worth 5 points, and email it and the enclosed Minor Media Release form along with the speech.
3. The speech (essay) must be **typed, double spaced, in Times New Roman font, with standard margins, 500-750, words**, and emailed in PDF format, and written on the following topic: ***“Looking back with 2020 vision in order to move forward.” In the Fifteenth Amendment, the right to vote is not to be “denied” or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” Many things might “abridge” a right without “denying” it. Realizing that your vote is YOUR voice, discuss how the current political climate attempts to “abridge” the right to vote.***
4. The email address is [kposcholarship@gmail.com](mailto:kposcholarship@gmail.com), and the essay must be received by 5 p.m. CST on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The essay should be creative and original--plagiarism is unacceptable.
5. The written essay will be graded on the following:
  - Organization
  - Focus and details
  - Purpose
  - Word choice
  - Sentence structure
  - Grammar, mechanics and spelling
  - Three-to-five references for an additional 5 points.
6. First place winner receives \$1,500.00; second place \$1,000.00; and third place \$750.00. These scholarships will be awarded after the recipients enroll in a college or university and provide appropriate documentation.

### **Scoring Recap:**

**Written Portion 90 points**

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