

DREAM BUILDERS OF AMERICA'S YOUTH INC.

AND THE

AUGUSTA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEYS (ACAAA)

2014 JUDGE JOHN "JACK" RUFFIN, Jr. TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

In honor of Judge John "Jack" Ruffin Jr., Dream Builders and the ACAA are sponsoring their 4th annual Judge John H. Ruffin Trailblazer Scholarship Essay Contest. The essay contest is for graduating college-bound seniors and local undergraduate college students in the CSRA. The requirements are a maximum 4 pages, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman essay. This year the essay writers must address the essay questions listed below, based upon actual research, about the trailblazer Nelson Mandela. A minimum award of \$1000.00 each will be given to one male and one female winner, high school senior, and one male and one female student from a local college. The winners will be awarded at the Law Day Dinner held by the Augusta Bar Association on **May 8, 2014**.

ESSAY DUE DATE: Essays must be emailed to DreamPlanAchieve.jeffords@gmail.com by **May 5, 2014** or mailed to Dream Builders at 437 Walker Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. If mailed, the essay must be *received* by **MAY 5, 2014**.

DATE FOR AWARD: The winners will receive notification **by May 7, 2014**, and will be awarded at the Law Day Dinner held at the Snelling Center, 3165 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30907 on **May 8, 2014**. The winners must be present at the dinner to receive the award. The minimum \$1000.00 award must be used for school related purposes. (i.e., tuition, books, tests, college rent).

ESSAY QUESTION:

The right of self governance is a fundamental principle upon which the United States of America was built. Nelson Mandela was instrumental in advocating for this same right in the nation of South Africa. Why is voting important? Identify the connection between the right to vote and a democratic society.

When writing about Nelson Mandela, what impact do his accomplishments have on you personally and the community, if any? How did the struggle for voting rights in South Africa parallel the struggle for equal voting rights for all citizens of the United States?

If you have questions, please contact Tanya Jeffords or Elana Galvan at 706-724-4834.

Please complete the next page and submit it with your essay. The information on the 2nd page must be included with your email and essay. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON YOUR ESSAY.**

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Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent's Names: _____

College(s) that you plan to or will attend in the fall: _____

SCHOOL PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE \$1000.00 WILL BE USED: (I.E., what college will you be attending in the fall or what test or application for admission will the funds be used for): _____

(Proof of use for college related expenses is required. The Board reserves the right to send all money directly to the educational institution as identified by the winner of the essay contest).

ESSAY NUMBER: _____ (FOR REVIEWERS USE ONLY).