



**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS AND
METRO CHIEFS & SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**



To: All Area High School Guidance Counselors:

The Greater KC Crime Stoppers/TIPS Hotline and the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association are sponsoring a scholarship contest for high school students in Missouri and Kansas. Two winners, one from Missouri, and one from Kansas, will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The winners will be awarded a certificate and upon determination of a college or vocational school to be attended by the student, a \$2,000 check will be sent directly to the school in the student's name to be applied toward his/her tuition or general account.

The high school student must be a Senior of good character with no criminal background to be eligible. He/she must be recommended, in writing, by at least two faculty members. The recommendation must state the student's accomplishments, grade average, class standing, activities, and the reasons he/she deserves this award. This recommendation should be no longer than two typewritten pages.

Each student entered must submit a typed essay of 750 to 1,000 words on this topic:

The first 2 years of your High School career were directly affected by the 2020-2021 pandemic.

Having lived through this, do you feel there is a direct correlation between the quarantine and the increasing mental health issues/violence among teens?

How should law enforcement adapt/grow/change/respond to the rising number of teens with mental health issues?

While content and clarity of thought are of primary importance, contestants should be aware that grammar and spelling and cited sources will be considered when scoring the essay. Contestants, as college-bound high school seniors, are encouraged to seek out editors for their papers as well as to proof their work. Do not include any visual aids, graphics, or other supporting documents.

This essay, along with the faculty advisors' recommendations, and the application form should be mailed in time to arrive at the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission's office no later than January 15, 2024. Winners will be notified by March 31, 2024. No telephone, written, electronic or any other means of "campaigning" for contestants will be allowed by entrants, faculty sponsors or any other person. Immediate family members of any Kansas City Metro Crime Commission staff or board members are not eligible.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at 816.960.6800 Ext. 226, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or via email at cludwig@kc-crime.org. We look forward to the participation of your students. Feel free to make as many copies as needed. Please give each interested student a copy of this sheet along with the application page.

Entries should be mailed to the address below:

**Det. Christina Ludwig, GKCCS Director
Scholastic Crime Stoppers Program
3100 Broadway, Suite 303
Kansas City, MO 64111**



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STUDENT NAME _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ HOME/CELL PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SPONSORING FACULTY MEMBER _____ Contact info: _____

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CHECKLIST (BE SURE TO ATTACH THE FOLLOWING):

STUDENTS:

STUDENT COMPLETED ESSAY ____

STUDENT RESUME ____

FACULTY:

FACULTY CURRENT GPA AND CLASS RANKING _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (2) _____

MAIL THE ABOVE IN ONE ENVELOPE TO:

SCHOLASTIC CRIME STOPPERS
3100 BROADWAY, SUITE 303
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

THIS PACKET MUST REACH THE GREATER KC CRIME STOPPERS OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2024. WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MARCH 31, 2024. A CHECK FOR \$2,000 WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE TO BE CREDITED TO HIS/HER TUITION OR OTHER DESIGNATED ACCOUNT.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF ONE FACULTY MEMBER _____

All entries will remain the property of KC Metro Crime Stoppers. Judging will be done by a selected committee of the KC Metro Crime Stoppers board of directors and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers staff. All awards are final. Ties will be settled by the GKCCS Chairperson.