

## Essay Contest Guidelines

The Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Foundation, with assistance from Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, supports the higher education goals of San Diego County students. We present this scholarship opportunity to these students to assist them in reaching their goals.

Applicant must be a senior in good standing enrolled at a San Diego County high school. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall semester following this essay contest. Immediate family members (parent, sibling, child, or spouse) of Consumer Attorneys of San Diego and the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Foundation are not eligible.

*As a part of adopting a national health plan, should the rights of patients, who have been injured by negligent doctors, hospitals, or other healthcare providers, be restricted (e.g. loss of the right to trial by jury, caps on damages, etc.)? As a part of your essay, analyze and explain the pros and cons of such restrictions, specifically focusing on how such restrictions might benefit or harm injured patients.*

Entries will be judged based on the quality of writing, accuracy of information, persuasiveness, and relevance to the topic. **Plagiarism in any form is grounds for disqualification from the contest. All research must be properly documented and cited.** The winning entry will be determined by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Foundation, whose decision is final and not subject to appeals. If all entries are deemed to not meet the minimum standards of quality in areas being judged, the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Foundation may choose to not award any prize(s).

Entry Format: All entries must be accompanied by an Entry Form. Essays must be at least 1,000 words, but no more than 2,500 words in length, including footnotes and/or citation pages. All entries must be submitted in Word (.doc) or Adobe (.pdf) or Rich Text Format (.rtf). Submissions should be emailed or submitted through our website (see below for details). Exceptions from the format requirement may be made by letter request received three days prior to the submission deadline.

Submission Deadline: **Entries must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, 2010. Entries received after this time will not be considered.**

Submission Address: Please submit entries via email to [bonnie@casd.org](mailto:bonnie@casd.org), or through our website at [www.casd.org/essaycontest](http://www.casd.org/essaycontest). Entries should have the subject line "CASD Foundation Essay Contest."

Awards: One first place award of \$2,000, one second place award of \$1,000 will be made to winning entrants. Payments will be made directly to the college or university of the winner's choice.