

BACKGROUND ON THE SCHOLARSHIP AND ESSAY QUESTIONS

The Brendan M. Kutler Scholarship was established in 2011 to honor Brendan Monroe Kutler. Brendan was only 17 years old, a high school senior, when he died suddenly and unexpectedly in his sleep on December 29, 2009. It is in his honor and memory that this scholarship has been established. The program is open to applicants in their senior year of high school who have successfully participated in one of two programs: the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC); a national program which is sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association or Summer Science Program (SSP); a program affiliated with several universities in which students perform hands-on astronomical research projects.

The selection board is interested in understanding more about you as prospective grant recipient, and has formulated several questions to help in this endeavor. Please give due thought to each of these questions and understand that there are no “correct” answers in substance or length; there are only answers which best reflect your life and your perspective.

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Describe your background and family life.
- 2.) Discuss your interests: academic, intellectual, recreational and other.
- 3.) Tell us about what you hope to study and how you see that preparing you for adult life.
- 4.) How will this scholarship make a difference to you, your family and to your college experience?
- 5.) What commitment are you willing to make, perhaps to be fulfilled in future years, to ensure that the benefit of this scholarship accrues to others as well as to yourself?
- 6.) What is knowledge and how will it impact your generation over the next few decades?
- 7.) Beyond simply acknowledging the positive attributes of teamwork, what does “None of us are as smart as all of us” mean to you in your daily life?
- 8.) What else would you like us to know about you in considering your application?

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out the application.
- Have a high school official (Principal, Asst. principal, etc.) submit your most current academic transcript.
- Provide a copy of the standardized test score results you have received (i.e. SAT, SATII, ACT...).
- Have at least one teacher (past or present) submit a letter of recommendation.
- Answer, succinctly but completely, the essay questions.
- Submit all required materials no later than February 1, 2014 to:

Brendan M. Kutler Scholarship
BrendanKutlerScholarship@gmail.com

To ensure that your application is properly accounted for, please limit the number of individual files sent (i.e. have one file from your school and one sent by you personally). To the extent that your school has a policy of not sending data via the internet, it is acceptable to scan that data and submit it personally. The committee will be confirming the validity of all submitted data for finalists directly with their schools.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

PROGRAM ATTENDED (TARC/SSP):

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DOB:

HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

SIGNATURE

DATE:

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS

HS GRADUATION DATE: (MO. / YR.)

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED/NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER GRADE:

GRADE PT. AVERAGE: ON A POINT SCALE

OFFICIAL COMPLETING THIS FORM:

NAME:

TITLE:

TELEPHONE #:

SIGNATURE

DATE: