



Announcing the Eighth Annual Liberal Arts Essay Scholarship Competition

The University of Wisconsin-Superior Provost's Office, Writing across the Curriculum Program, Writing across the Curriculum Advisory Group, and UWS Foundation are pleased to announce this year's undergraduate essay competition. Eligible students are invited to submit essays to the competition.

Awards to Students: Up to three students may be selected as finalists in our local campus competition. The first-place finalist will receive a scholarship of \$500 from the UWS Foundation. All campus finalists will be recognized at the Campus Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. Finalists' essays will also be entered into a pool of essays to be judged at the UW-System level. Each UW System winner (two winners from UW comprehensive and doctoral institutions, and one winner from the UW Colleges) will receive a \$2000 scholarship.

Recognition of Faculty-Staff Sponsors: Faculty and staff who have sponsored finalists will be recognized at the Campus Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. (Please note that sponsorship is encouraged but not required.)

Eligibility: The competition is open to any UW-Superior undergraduate student in academic good standing who will graduate in Spring 2013 or later.

Application: Submit an original essay on the topic given below (1,000-1,250 words in length, typed using Microsoft Word, double-spaced, 12-point font). A title page must be included with the following information: title of essay, student's name, major, institution, college and home address, e-mail address, telephone number, name of faculty or staff sponsor (if any), and the following statement: *"I hereby affirm that this is an original essay and my own work."*

Essay Topic:

Over the past two years, we have seen a Wisconsin gubernatorial recall election and a presidential race that both generated a great deal of civic discourse. How has your liberal education helped you process, develop informed opinions, and make decisions about what you see and hear and guided your participation as a citizen? How has your liberal education helped you interact with people with whom you disagree on the events that have taken place?

Feel free to choose a single experience or an array of experiences, whichever best fits the development of your own liberal education. Your essay should create a clear picture of the experience(s) and should also make a clear connection between your experience(s) and your liberal education.

As you plan your essay, you may wish to check on the liberal education learning outcomes at <http://www.aacu.org/leap/vision.cfm>. Some of these outcomes could help inform your understanding of the larger framework of liberal education.

Help is available through the UW-Superior Writing Center with revising and honing this paper. Go to www.uwsuper.edu/writingcenter for information about the Center's services.

Submission: Submissions must be made electronically by campus email to Dr. Deborah Schlacks, Coordinator of Writing across the Curriculum, at dschlack@uwsuper.edu; all essays must be attached as Microsoft Word documents.

Judging: Essays submitted by UW-Superior students will be evaluated by a committee of faculty and staff from the UW-Superior Writing across the Curriculum Advisory Group. The campus scholarship will be awarded only if a submitted essay is of sufficient quality to be sent on as a campus finalist in the UW System-wide competition. Final selection of winning essays at the System level will be determined by a group of judges from the UW System Advisory Group on the Liberal Arts (SAGLA). System winners will be notified in late Spring 2013.

UW-Superior Deadline for Essay Submission: Friday, December 21, 2012, 11:59 pm