

# 2011 Junior Achievement



# ESSAY COMPETITION

**Topic: How can young entrepreneurs and the local governments of DC, Maryland, and Virginia work together to empower the next generation to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Greater Washington?**

Junior Achievement of Greater Washington and David M. Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Managing Director of The Carlyle Group, invite students to submit a 1,000- to 1,500-word essay on the topic “*How can young entrepreneurs and the local governments of DC, Maryland, and Virginia work together to empower the next generation to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Greater Washington?*”

**One  
\$20,000  
Scholarship**

**Nine  
\$10,000  
Scholarships**

## Awards

A 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be selected from each of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and one grand prize winner will be selected from among all three regions. The grand prize winner will receive a \$20,000 scholarship, and the nine regional winners will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship. All winning students will be recognized at an awards ceremony in spring 2012. In addition, from each of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, the school with the greatest number of eligible applications will receive \$6,000.

## How to Apply & Submission Deadline

Visit [www.myJA.org/students/essay/](http://www.myJA.org/students/essay/) to apply online. The competition begins on August 24, 2011 and all entries must be received by October 31, 2011. Winners will be announced in spring 2012.

## Eligibility Requirements

The competition is open to any 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade student enrolled in an accredited high school in the 2011–2012 academic year in the Greater Washington Region. All essays will be reviewed by the SafeAssign by Blackboard plagiarism prevention service. For a listing of all eligibility requirements, visit [www.myJA.org/students/essay/](http://www.myJA.org/students/essay/).

**Three \$6,000  
School Grants**

## About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship through experiential, hands-on programs. Visit [www.myJA.org](http://www.myJA.org) to request a program for your classroom, volunteer in a local school, and find out how you can get involved.

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