



## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Essay / Presentation Contest: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Students will write an essay or create a presentation in order to earn the \$20 scholarship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. As team lead, you may choose the topic and format for your school as long as it relates to preparation for career training or college. Here are two examples to get you thinking.

- If you choose a **persuasive essay**, you might ask students to argue the advantages of pursuing career training beyond high school, or whether it's better to obtain a 4-year degree as opposed to a 2-year technical certification. The could include ideas related to earning potential, quality of life, contribution to society, ability to support a family, health, ability to get a job in Wabash County or elsewhere, which jobs are in high demand and what is required to train for them.
- If you choose a **multi-media presentation**, you might ask students to research and present how a certain school program prepares them for a career. For example, the University of Northwestern Ohio offers several two-year diploma programs in automotive technology, heating/cooling, and health careers that are in very high demand right now. In one of these programs, what/how do students learn? How do they apply to the school? How much will they earn? What equipment will they need? How long will it take them to repay a loan? What else is there to do on campus besides going to class?

Whatever you decide, please send brief assignment instructions to Joanne Case at [joanne@cfwabash.org](mailto:joanne@cfwabash.org) for our records. After you grade the assignments, each teacher will choose a class winner and mark the name on the Google sheets when they report the Reading, Math, and Language Arts performance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Also, send Joanne a PC-compatible version of the winning presentation (essay, picture of poster, etc.). The winners will receive \$25 in their Early Award Scholarship Funds.

Some useful websites

[www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegeprep101.com](http://www.collegeprep101.com)

[www.knowhow2go.acenet.edu](http://www.knowhow2go.acenet.edu)  
[www.bigfuture.college.org](http://www.bigfuture.college.org)  
[www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)

[www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com)  
[www.youcango.collegeboard.org](http://www.youcango.collegeboard.org)  
[www.ngpf.org](http://www.ngpf.org) (Next Gen Personal Finance)

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions! Thank you for all you do!

-- Joanne Case, Program Officer