



## ESSAY CONTEST

➤ If you were President of the United States of America, what would you do in your first 100 days in office? What laws would you add and/or change, if any, and why?

OR

➤ How would you use your educational attainment to serve and give back to your community? Who would you serve and why?

As a youth who is graduating or moving to the next phase of your academic goals, you have your entire future ahead of you. It is a future that will be shaped by your experiences and interactions. We are all impacted daily by these things and would like to know how you envision impacting others.

You have the option to answer one of the two questions above to be entered into a contest to win one of three prizes.

In order to participate in this essay contest, you must meet be at least 16 years old AND will be a graduate attending the 2019 Celebration of Excellence Commencement Ceremony on **Saturday, June 22, 2019** in Atlanta, Georgia.

## ESSAY GUIDELINES

The Essay MUST:

- Be typed
- Two pages, double-spaced
- Times New Roman - 12 Point Font
- Submitted by Saturday, June 1, 2019 via email or postal mail

At the top of your essay, please include your:

- Name
- Age
- County
- Graduation Type (High School, College, Technical College/School, OR Education Program/GED)
- Independent Living Specialist's Name

GRAND PRIZES ARE  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
**\$5,000**  
2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
WINNERS  
**UP TO \$3,000**

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ESSAY SUBMISSIONS ARE  
DUE BY SATURDAY, **JUNE 7,**  
**2019**

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YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR  
ESSAY VIA EMAIL TO:  
**[ASKILP@DHS.GA.GOV](mailto:ASKILP@DHS.GA.GOV)**

OR

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SEND VIA POSTAL MAIL TO:  
**GARYSE/CHAFEE  
PROGRAM  
ATTENTION: ERIKA DENNIS  
TWO PEACHTREE STREET  
NW  
SUITE 26-298  
ATLANTA, GA 30303**

WINNERS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED AT THE 27<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF  
EXCELLENCE  
COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONY ON  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019.