

MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE
EDUCATION AWARD 2021

CONTEST RULES

Guidelines

As the grantor of this award, the funds are for educational assistance. The scoring process will consist of the following: a written essay, academic achievement, community and volunteer hours, and active participation in school activities. The applicant's essay will be scored using the enclosed rubric. Each winner, one male and one female, will receive a one-time payment of \$500.00.

Eligibility

1. Citizen of the United States or permanent legal resident of the United States
2. High school senior at Calhoun County High School, Edison GA graduate class of 2021
3. Cumulative GradePoint Average (GPA) minimum 2.5 on a 4.0-point scale

Requirements

1. Submit Official Academic Transcript/Verification of GPA
2. One application per student is authorized for submission
3. Essays must be typed and submitted as a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Word Perfect (.wpd) document
4. Essays must be submitted on line
5. Essays must comply with requirements
6. Winners will be required to submit a release allowing the grantor of the "MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE EDUCATION AWARD" to publish their essays in print publications and on public websites. In addition, winners will be asked to provide and authorize use of photographs of themselves in contest-related promotional materials, which may include photographs taken at recognition events.

Submission

1. Submission dates are **January 11 - March 14, 2021**- Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Essay, application, and transcript must be emailed to Moldenouryouth@gmail.com.
3. The essay and entry form must be submitted by **11:59 P.M EST on March 14, 2021**. Please submit your essay and entry form together.
4. Submissions should be at least 800 words, but should not exceed 1,000 words. Entries must be typed, double spaced, in 12-point font, Times New Roman, with a one inch margin on all sides of the page.
5. The essay must be the original work of the person submitting the essay. The essay must respond to the following prompt.

"Upon completion of my degree, it is essential to give back to my community because." By-(Insert your name)



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Application Process

1. Complete all required fields on the application
2. Submit the application, most recent transcript, and essay
3. Ensure the application is signed by the student and parent/guardian

Award Disqualification

1. Does not comply with the "Essay Requirements"
2. Is not the student's original, authored work
3. Late Submission
4. False entry information or plagiarizes content
5. Submission is in PDF document or outside of the entry form

**All decisions of disqualification will be final

Award Disbursement

The funds for the "MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER EDUCATION AWARD" will be available to winners during their freshman year (summer 2021, fall 2021 & spring2022). **The education award will expire May 1, 2022.** You must be a **Full-time enrolled student (12 hours or more)** in the institution of your choice. Once you register and the "Drop and Add" period is over, you must provide proof of your enrollment from the Office of the Registrar. The funds will only be remitted once proof from the Office or the Registrar is received.

Please note: **Funds will be remitted to you and "not" the financial aid office.** Therefore, you "MUST" provide the official verification document from the office of the registrar at the college, university, vocational, or technical school that you attend. This documentation is required in order for you to receive your funds. No exceptions.

Winners will be notified via email, telephonically, or by U.S. postal mail.

Application Assistance

If additional assistance is required in regards to the essay submission, please send an email to Moldenouryouth@gmail.com or call (813)364 4807.



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RUBRIC

Criteria	1	2	3	4	Score
Focus/Main Point	The essay poorly addresses topic and includes irrelevant ideas	The essay is focused on topic and includes few loosely related ideas	The essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects clear insight and ideas	
Support	Provides little or no support for the main point	Supports main point with some underdeveloped reasons and/or examples	Supports main point with developed reasons and/or examples	Persuasively supports main point with well-developed reasons and/or examples	
Organization & Format <i>(Paragraphs, Transitions)</i>	Little or no organization of ideas to build an argument	Some organization of ideas to build an argument	Organizes ideas to build an argument	Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical, coherent argument	
Language Use, Style & Conventions <i>(Sentence structure, word choice, grammar, spelling, punctuation)</i>	Little or no use of elements of style Many errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation, makes reader's comprehension difficult	Some use of elements of style Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Appropriate use of elements of style Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation with few errors	Effective and creative use of elements of style to enhance meaning Uses correct grammar, spelling, punctuation throughout with very few errors	
Originality <i>(Expression of the theme in a creative way)</i>	No experimentation or enhancement of concepts No adherence to the theme	Very little experimentation to enhance concepts Does not exhibit creativity	Sufficient experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts Applies basic creative skills to relay ideas	Distinctive experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts Applies higher order thinking and creative skills to relay complex ideas	

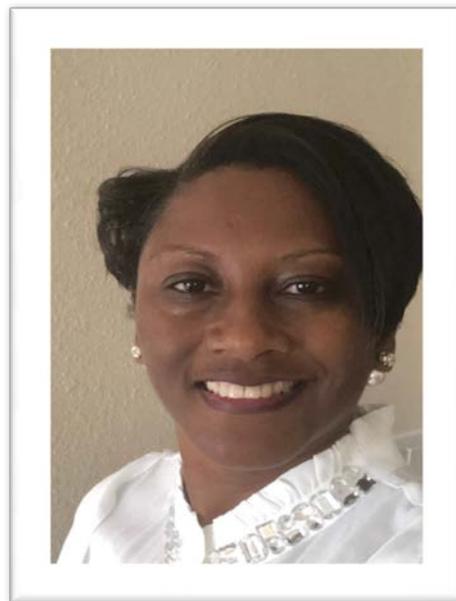


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Yolanda's BIO

Yolanda is a 1986 graduate of Calhoun County High School, Edison, Georgia. As a student-athlete, she received many awards for her athleticism and participation in its athletic programs. She participated in softball, basketball, track, and enjoyed numerous winning seasons with her teammates.

An Army Veteran, she served her country honorably for 22 years, received numerous awards and decorations, served abroad, and attended multiple schools and courses for professional development. She currently serves her country as a Department of the Air Force employee.



Yolanda established the "MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE EDUCATION AWARD" to provide financial assistance to students at her High School Alma Mater who plan to attend an institution of "Higher Learning." She understands the importance of education and encourages all students to further their education, though it may be a traditional college, university, vocational or technical school. Ultimately, she hopes all students will have the desire to continue their education. This monetary award will assist two graduating seniors of Calhoun County High School, one male and one female, to help with the cost of attending an institution of higher learning.

Yolanda is excited about the opportunity to give back and make a difference in the lives of students from her Alma Mater. She believes "Education is the New Currency" as a college education significantly improves employment opportunities, earning potential, and most importantly in the words of her mother, Ms. Eunnie V. Molden, "education is something that no one can ever take away from you."

Yolanda currently resides in Tampa, Florida. She serves faithfully at her church, loves to volunteer in the community, travel, and is a member of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc. Yolanda holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

