

Dudley DeBosier Injury Lawyers Essay Scholarship Contest Official Rules

1. **Description of the Contest:** The Essay Contest is designed to give graduating high school seniors the opportunity to submit a 350 to 500 word essay answering the following question: *Dudley DeBosier is committed to helping our clients overcome the obstacles they face when involved in an accident. What qualities and values do you possess, and how have those qualities and values helped you overcome certain obstacles in your life? Finally, why do you deserve to be awarded this scholarship?*

Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the entrants who submit the best essays as determined by the criteria set forth by the DDB Scholarship Committee at their sole discretion in accordance with these Official Rules.

2. **Eligibility:** This contest is open to high school seniors in the state of Louisiana who are expecting to graduate in the school term 2022-2023 and are attending a college or university within one year upon graduation. All applicants must meet the minimum admission standards of an educational institution. All eligible applicants will be considered without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin. The following individuals are not eligible to enter: (a) employees of Dudley DeBosier; (b) immediate family members of employees of DDB; (c) those living in the same household as employees of DDB; and (d) those who entered the 2022-2023 Public Service Announcement scholarship contests.
3. **How to Enter:** All entries must be received in person at the Dudley DeBosier Injury Lawyers office at 1075 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 before 5 P.M. CST or postmarked via mail or e-mail at Scholarships@dudleydebosier.com by 11:59 P.M. CST on **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. Entries must include a completed scholarship application, a photograph of the applicant, and an official copy of his/her high school transcript. Applicants must contest to authentic work and may only enter as an individual and not as a group effort.
4. **Submission Requirements:** Submissions should be of serious nature, thoughtful, creative, and original. By entering the contest, entrant agrees, acknowledges, and understands that all submissions may be posted on any DDB website for viewing by the general public and grants DDB a non-exclusive license to publish, display, reproduce, or otherwise use the submission at DDB's discretion whatsoever and without further notice or compensation. All submissions become the property of Dudley DeBosier Injury Lawyers and will not be returned to the entrant. Each submission must also comply with the following:
 - a. Each submission will be 350-500 words (Submissions that exceed 500 words will not be considered).
 - b. Each submission will be graded on proper word usage and grammar.
 - c. Each submission will be tied to one entrant. No group submissions will be accepted.

- d. Eight (8) \$1,000.00 scholarships will be given to qualifying entrants as described in section two (2) of these official rules.
- e. Submissions must be your own original work and must not have been previously published, released, or distributed in any form; must not have won any award; and must not infringe the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, or other personal or proprietary rights of any person or entity.
- f. Writings and thoughts used in the submission must be original and/or not require any additional clearances for DDB to use or post on public websites or forums of any kind.
- g. Excluding Dudley DeBosier, the submission must not contain or reference any names, products, or services of any company or entity or any third-party trademarks, logos, trade dress, or promotion of any brand, product, or service.

Entrants agree to hold DDB harmless from and against any suits, claims, losses, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees that may arise from or in connection with any entrant's submission and the use or display of the entrant's submission.

- 5. **Finalist Selection:** DDB will select eight finalists by **Friday, May 12, 2023** based on the following categories: (A) 1/3 creativity; (B) 1/3 originality; and (C) 1/3 appropriateness to the theme. All criteria will be equally judged. The odds of winning depend on the total number of qualified entries received during the contest period. In the event of a tie, the winner will be randomly selected from the set of submissions involved in the tie. The winner will receive notice according to the 2022-2023 DDB scholarship information.