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Money Smart Teen 2018 PORTLAND

In support of Money Smart Week® 2018, taking place April 21-28, Financial Beginnings and COUNTRY Financial are presenting the Money Smart Teen Contest. Students in high school (grades 9-12) are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay of 300 words or less. A winner and two runners-up will be chosen. A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner and \$1,000 scholarships to the two runners-up sponsored by COUNTRY Financial.

2018 Money Smart Kid Essay Question

Please write a brief newspaper article describing the potential devastating effects of a natural disaster (fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake, etc.) on a family's financial situation. Be sure to include tips and resources for readers to help prepare them for potential future unexpected crises.

Timeline

March 23 Deadline for essay submission deadline is 5 pm
Week of April 22 Winners notified, make arrangements for school presentation

Money Smart Contest Committee

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Guidelines

Candidates Must:

Be a student in high school (grade 9-12) during the 2017–2018 year.

Have knowledge of money management skills (decision-making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level.

Demonstrate how they practice good money management skills in their daily lives.

Can “think on their feet” — responding to questions from business leaders and media.

Be articulate—able to speak in front of large groups and cameras, and respond well to questions.

Live in or attend school in the Greater Portland area (Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties).

To Apply

Student must have permission from a parent or guardian to apply and participate.

Student must write an essay (300 words or less) on the assigned topic. One submission per student.

Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double spaced. The Money Smart Teen Application Form must be attached to the essay pages.

The essay must be the work of the students submitting the essay. The application form must be signed by a teacher and a parent/guardian.

The essay and application should be emailed as a PDF or scanned attachment to:

Dusty@financialbeginnings.org with the subject line: *Money Smart Teen Contest 2018*

A confirmation of receipt will be sent to all applicants.

All essays become the property of the Money Smart Committee and may be used by Committee members to promote financial literacy. All submissions must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 23, 2018.

(Contest submission deadline may be extended at discretion of review committee.)

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Application

Student Name

Age

Grade

School

School Address

City

Zip

Phone

Home Address

City

Zip

Phone

Teacher

Phone

Email

(not required for home-schooled children)

Parent/Guardian

Email

(If Applicable)

I vouch that the attached essay is fully the work of _____

(Student Name)

(Teacher Signature)

(Date)

I vouch that the attached essay is fully and solely the work of my child,

(Student Name)

and I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2018, including consent to release photos and personal information for media and promotional purposes.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, sign the form as indicated, and attach it to the front of the essay.