

Over the years, Aquila Resources-Back Forty Mine has awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors. This year, we are pleased to announce the 2021 Mining for Tomorrow Essay Competition. The contest engages and challenges high school seniors to research and write about mining related topics. This year's competition is open to graduating seniors from Stephenson Area Public Schools.

>> Theme

America's Reliance on Mineral Imports

Address the following in your essay - How dependent is the United States on foreign countries to meet our demand for minerals? Should the U.S. harvest its own minerals or import them?

>> Scholarships

Mining for Tomorrow Scholarship – Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students with the highest ranked essays.

- One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a Vocational/Technical/Trade School or a Community College.
- One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a four-year university.

Clifford D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship – One (1) \$1,500 scholarship is available for a student that will be attending Michigan Technological University, majoring in a mining-related field including Applied Geophysics, Geology, Geological Engineering, or Mining Engineering.

>> Rules

- Submissions must be a minimum of 500 words and may not exceed 1,000 words
- Only one essay per student may be submitted
- All submissions must be typed
- Documentation of sources is required (Bibliography)
- Emailed submissions must be attached in Word or PDF format
- Please provide a short biography, including your future plans, with your essay submission.

>> Eligibility

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be graduating from Stephenson Area Public Schools in 2021. Winners must provide proof of admission to an educational/training institution for Fall of 2021.

>> Selection Criteria

Submissions will be judged on writing style, content, grammar, originality, clarity, conciseness, articulation, and organization.

>> Submission Instructions

- Entries should be completed online at <http://backfortymine.com/essaycontest2021/> (preferred method)
- Mailed submissions must be received no later than May 1, 2021 **-Please note our office is temporarily closed to the public. Therefore, there is no drop-off option available this year.**

Aquila Resources-Back Forty Mine
Attn: Essay Competition
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Stephenson, MI 49887

- Back Forty Mine is not responsible for lost or delayed mail or emails.

>> Scholarship Awards and Announcement of Winners

Each student who submits a winning essay will receive an educational scholarship in August 2021. Providing all criteria is met, there will be three scholarships provided – for a total of \$3,5000 in scholarship awards. The selected essay winners will be contacted directly by Back Forty Mine. Winners will be formally announced during the senior awards assembly (adhering to COVID restriction guidelines at that time).