



Amitié’ – A Memorial Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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**2024- 2025 AMITIE’ – A MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROGRAM FOR GRADES 9-12**

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Amitié – A Memorial Foundation for Suicide Prevention is launching the sixth annual scholarship program to promote awareness and prevention of suicide at the high school level. Our goal with this competition is to help raise awareness of teen suicide with the hopes of preventing even one child from dying by suicide.

Each year, students in 9th through 12th grades are invited to enter the essay scholarship contest by writing and submitting an essay, minimum 1,000 words, on one of the below listed topics:

1. “How I can break the stigma surrounding mental illness and/or suicide”
2. “My personal experience with suicide” (this could be with family or friends)
3. “How my faith has helped me during times of depression and/or contemplation of dying by suicide”
4. “What is mental illness to you/how would you go about getting help for yourself or others”

IMPORTANT: Please read the Official Rules before entering the Amitié’ – A Memorial Foundation for Suicide Prevention Scholarship Essay Program (the “Program”). By entering the Program, you agree to the terms of these Official Rules. These Official Rules shall govern in the event of any inconsistency with other Program-related materials.

ELIGIBILITY: The program is open to current high school students (grades 9-12) in Southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, including homeschooled students. All federal, state and local regulations apply. **LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED.** Employees or members of sponsor, Amitié’, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and suppliers are not eligible to enter the Program.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- **First and second place winners will be selected and awarded scholarships as follows:** First-place winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and the second-place winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.
- All entries must be original work.
- Judges will include the board members of Amitie' – A Memorial Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
- The competition runs **December 1, 2024, through April 10, 2025, with the winners being announced in April/May of 2025, via notification to the student's school administrator, sponsor or guardian. The application deadline is April 10, 2025, at 11:59 P.M.**
- All submissions must be typed, double-spaced, and consist of at least 1,000 words. Essays which do not reach this minimum will not be considered for scholarship awards.
- Submissions may not include obscene, offensive or inappropriate material, defame any person, or otherwise infringe on any person's proprietary rights. (in Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion)
- All entries **MUST INCLUDE COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS FORM BELOW**. Entries can be received via emailed PDF format to info@savinglivesla.org or mailed via USPS to 1400 Wisteria Drive, Metairie, LA 70005.

DISCLAIMERS: By competing in this program and/or accepting the scholarship award, entrants agree that Sponsor and all of its respective officers and directors will have no liability whatsoever, and will be held harmless by entrants for any liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind to person and property resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the acceptance, possession, misuse, or use of the scholarship, or participating in this Contest. Amitie' does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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SUBMISSION FORM

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

School name and address: _____

Adult sponsor, school administrator (or guardian if home schooled) name and email:

By signing below, I certify that the submitted essay is my original work. I also understand and agree to the following:

- Members of Amitie' are responsible for judging and selecting award recipients.
- If Amitie' members believe content of any scholarship indicates I or someone I know may be in danger of harming themselves or others, they are obligated to report the situation to the authorities.
- I must have an adult sponsor sign off on my essay submission in order to qualify for award consideration. This sponsor can be a school representative, teacher, counselor or parent.

Signature of Student

Student Name Printed

Signature of Sponsor

Sponsor Name Printed and relationship to student