



The Women's Fund invites all Houston area, college-bound, graduating senior girls to participate in:

**The 6th Annual Barbara Devetski Scholarship Essay Contest.
Two winners will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.**

Adolescence is a difficult time for young women and yet is the most influential time with regard to their long-term health. The issues that our youth face, concerning their long-term health, include engaging in risky health behaviors, rising rates of obesity, and access to minimal healthcare or lack of health insurance. Teen pregnancies, unhealthy eating, lack of physical activity and substance abuse, are issues that young women face during their middle and high school years and even through college. These issues are even more destructive if young women do not have accurate health information and do not have a safe place to talk about the consequences of such issues.

Resilient individuals are able to bounce back from difficult situations and overcome challenging ones.

Please submit an essay on the following topic: **Resiliency**

Your essay should include the following:

- What is the importance of resiliency?
- A time or situation in which you were resilient.
- What you learned from that situation and how it has prepared you for college.

Essays will be scored based on:

- Staying on topic and the clarity of the content.
- Correct grammar and punctuation (essays with more than five errors will be disqualified).
- Proper citations of statistics, research, and articles using Modern Language Association (MLA) style.

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- The ability to follow all other essay guidelines and instructions

Guidelines:

- One essay per participant.
- Essays must be typed or legibly printed in pen.
- Essays must be doubled-spaced, and a minimum of 1,000 and no more than 1,500 words.
- Essays must be written in first-person point of view.
- Essay submissions must include The Women’s Fund’s cover sheet (included here).
- No personal information should be included on the pages of the essay— it should only be on the cover sheet.
- The Participant Release on the cover sheet must be signed by the participant or by a parent/guardian if the participant is under 18.
- Participants submitting their essays by email must include the signed cover sheets with their essays. **Electronic signatures will not be accepted.**
- College course enrollment must be equal to nine credit hours or more.
- Scholarships must be collected in the first year of college.

Essays may be submitted by mail or email to:

**Attn: Barbara Devetski Scholarship Essay Contest,
The Women’s Fund
5433 Westheimer, Suite 924
Houston, TX 77056**

or

womfund@thewomensfund.org

The deadline for submission is Friday May 8, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.

Essays must be postmarked no later than **May 8, 2020** in order to be considered.

Hand-delivered essays will not be accepted.

Any questions can be directed to Ana Belen Zelaya,
Health Education and Outreach Coordinator at 713-623-6543 or ana@thewomensfund.org

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Essay Cover Sheet

Name:

Age:

Address:

Email:

Home phone:

School district:

School:

Grade Level:

Participant Release

I grant The Women's Fund for Health Education and Research, its employees, and its representatives to take photographs of me and use my picture, name, and essay content for purposes of publicity including, but not limited to, newsletters, newspaper articles, and web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Signature, parent or guardian _____
(if under age 18)

Printed name, parent or guardian _____

Date _____

An essay cover sheet must be included with all essay submissions. Entries may be mailed to The Women's Fund. Participants submitting their essay by email must include a cover sheet with their essay. Electronic signatures will not be accepted. Do not fax or hand-deliver the cover sheet or essay. Only the cover sheet should contain your name, address or any other identifying information.

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