



Universal Waste Systems, Inc

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2023-2024 South Gate Scholarship Program Sponsored by Universal Waste Systems, Inc.

Universal Waste Systems Inc. is a family owned and operated company with 3 generations working together with over 120 years' experience combined. UWS was founded in 1986, and today is one of the largest family owned and operated companies in Southern California. Our business model is simple, customers are always # 1, we pride ourselves on excellent customer service and a hands on management approach. A member of our family is involved in each division and department of our company overseeing the entire daily operation of our business. UWS is proud to be large enough to serve, and small enough to care!

It is also our mission to educate on and promote environmental sustainability through our own operations, as well as throughout the communities we serve. We believe that our youth of today will be tomorrow's leaders who will continue to promote environmental stewardship. Therefore we offer this Scholarship Program to our young citizens of today who are actively living a sustainable lifestyle and thinking about solutions to our shared sustainability challenges.

Scholarship Criteria and Essay Details:

Essay Subject:

- Environmental Sustainability & Me

The essay shall include:

1. Your understanding of an environmental sustainability issue.
2. Your vision for what can be done to address the issue.
3. Identify specific individual and/or community actions including practical and financial considerations.
4. Describe methods in which individuals and/or communities can be inspired to take action, including ways of reaching and engaging them.

Due Date Deadline: December 1, 2023

Eligibility:

- The scholarship opportunity is open to high school students who are residents of the City of South Gate that have an interest in environmental studies.

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Scholarship Awards:

- Five (5) \$2,000.00 individual scholarships will be awarded to five (5) high school students residing in the City of South Gate. Scholarships will be awarded to students during a City Council presentation.

Submission Guidelines:

- Only one essay per student shall be submitted.
- Essays must be between 400-500 words in length, typewritten and double spaced. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written solely by the contestants.
- Entries shall be emailed to: Michelle Newsham (michelle@uwscompany.com) and Shelley Billik (shelleybillik@uwscompany.com) with the subject line **“2023-2024 South Gate Scholarship Program.”**
- All entries must include your full name, email address, home address, phone number, grade level, school name, the College you will/or plan to attend, and the name of your parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).

Selection of Scholarship recipients:

Universal Waste Systems and City staff will evaluate the essays received based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Maximum Points
Understanding of the environmental issue	25
Identification of recommended solutions	25
Creativity	25
Writing proficiency, grammar & punctuation	25
Total	100