



## **INROADS NATIONAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (NPSG) 2004 ESSAY CONTEST**

The NPSG announces its annual Essay Contest for INROADS interns. More than eight thousand dollars in awards will be divided among entrants in each of the two categories.

**Category I: Freshman/ Sophomore**

**Category II: Junior/Senior**

Interns are invited to participate by writing an essay on one of the following topics:

- **Many Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Historically Hispanic Servicing Institutions and Native American Indian Colleges are in financial difficulty today. What impact would the closing of all of these institutions have on your community and society?**
- **Explain how one's environment influences his/her academic and social behavior and achievement. Give personal examples.**

### **GUIDELINES**

- ♦ A contestant must be a current INROADS intern.
- ♦ Entries must be typewritten and double-spaced on 8.5"x11" white paper.
- ♦ Entries must be titled. (Example: Starting a New Journey).
- ♦ Entries of two pages or more must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner, with each page after the title page numbered.
- ♦ The intern's SSN or nine-digit ID # must be typed in the upper right-hand corner of all pages of the essay. The intern's name **must not** be typed on the essay.
- ♦ The category entered must be given below the SSN, (Category I or Category II).
- ♦ Below the category, the number of words in the essay must be typed.
- ♦ The essay must have an established word count of not fewer than 600 words and not more than 800 words. (Exclude the articles a, an, and the from the word count.)
- ♦ INROADS must be spelled out in ALL "CAPS" when used.
- ♦ The local PSG must complete and attach the NPSG Essay Submission Form.
- ♦ The local PSG must be in good financial standing with the National PSG.



## DEADLINES

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| <b>August 17, 2004</b>    | <b>Local entries submitted to local PSG for judging</b>  |
| <b>September 21, 2004</b> | <b>Local PSG chapter judge and select winning entry in each category (The decisions of the judges are final)</b> |
| <b>September 28, 2004</b> | <b>Local winners in each category are submitted to National Essay Coordinator</b>                                |
| <b>November 15, 2004</b>  | <b>National winners selected and notified.</b>   |

*The Essay Contest gives each INROADS intern the opportunity to demonstrate acquired writing skills and, thereby, attain recognition for proficiency and initiative. It is intended as a means to motivate interns as they endeavor to reach their personal and career goals.*

*The INROADS National Parent Support Group provides an opportunity for us, as parents, to collectively support the mission of INROADS and support our children in their transition from novice to seasoned professional. We do this by volunteering time and financial support to ensure that our interns succeed. The Essay Contest is one of the ways we, through the NPSG, demonstrate our support and commitment to the interns.*

## AWARDS

Awards for First through Sixth-placed winners in each category are as follows:

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|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>First Place</b>  | <b>\$1,200</b> | <b>Third Place</b>  | <b>\$750</b> | <b>Fifth Place</b> | <b>\$500</b> |
| <b>Second Place</b> | <b>1,000</b>   | <b>Fourth Place</b> | <b>550</b>   | <b>Sixth Place</b> | <b>400</b>   |

All other entrants will receive a monetary Award of Appreciation for Participation.

## JUDGING

The essays are scored according to specific guidelines provided by the NPSG Essay Committee. The scoring considers, but is not limited to, how well the guidelines are followed; how well the content relates to the topic; and how clearly the author expressed him/herself. Close attention is given to spelling, punctuation, grammar, and neatness.

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**NATIONAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP ESSAY SUBMISSION FORM**

This form must be typed or neatly printed, signed and attached to your typed essay, which follows the essay guidelines. Submit your essay to your local PSG by August 17, 2004.

Intern's Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or Nine-digit ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ College/Univ.: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One (As of fall 2004): \_\_\_Freshman \_\_\_Sophomore \_\_\_Junior \_\_\_Senior

I certify that this entry is my own original work and neither whole nor part of this entry has been used in any publication. I am in compliance with the eligibility guidelines for the essay. I further release this entry for publication if it is a winning entry.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

-----For Local PSG Use Only-----

INROADS Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Local PSG Chairperson/President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_