



STUDENT PROJECT APPLICATION

Combating Food Insecurity Implementation

2017

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Young Scholars Project Award

The Center for Educational Improvement (CEI) offers a Young Scholars Project Award to recognize student achievement in the development of research papers, essays and/or service learning activities that address food insecurity and issues of global hunger.

WHO CAN APPLY? To be eligible for the Center for Educational Improvement Young Scholars Project Award, the applicant(s) must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Eligibility

Grade Level: Entering the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2016

Location: Reside in the U.S. or a U.S. territory

Learning Requirement: Confirmed student in a classroom setting implementing the [Combating Food Insecurity Curriculum](#) as confirmed by the teacher recommending the student.

WHAT INFORMATION AND MATERIALS DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- **Completed Student Application and Related Submission**
(*Research Paper, Service Learning Project, Essay*)
- **Parent and Teacher Approval of Student Participation**

WHAT ARE THE SUBMISSION CATEGORIES? **NOTE: Student(s) may only offer one submission.**

Research Paper: The research paper criteria is a 2-3 page (typed, double spaced) submission stating the problem being addressed, solution and rationale. Supporting documentation, including references and a graph presentation of compelling statistical information.

Service Learning Project: Accepted projects must include a narrative description of the problem being addressed a description of the solution proposed, and outcomes of the implementation completed as a part of the service learning project

Essay: The essay criteria is a 5-6 page (typed, double spaced) submission that addresses an aspect of food insecurity and/or global hunger – *i.e. Students may address food issues in one region of the world; the impact of natural disasters on water quality or hunger; humanitarian approaches to addressing civic responsibilities/obligations to ending hunger, etc.*

WHAT IS THE AWARD STRUCTURE? Student projects will be awarded as follows:

(*One award winner, individual or student group, at each level*)

First Place: \$500.00 | **Second Place:** \$350.00 | **Third Place:** \$250.00

Honorable Mention Awards: \$100.00 | **Number of Awards:** 5

BONUS! Teacher Incentive: Teachers of student(s) awarded prizes at the first, second or third place levels receive an additional \$250.00 incentive.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Names(s):

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Are you submitting an individual or group project?

Individual

Group

Preferred Phone (Lead Student): _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

Name of School Leader/Principal: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Reminder: If submitting a group project, include the name and contact information of all students who are a part of the group. (All information above, e.g. Name, Grade Level, Preferred Phone, Email, School Name, Name of School Leader/Principal, City, State, Zip Code)

REQUIRED APPROVALS

Awards will be distributed directly to student winners in the form of a Visa® branded gift card. Your signature here acts as your approval of the stated distribution of funds to students.

Parental Signature

Printed Name

Date

Teacher Signature

Printed Name

Date

NOTE: Teacher approval also affirms that the Combating Food Insecurity Lessons were implemented /are being implemented - evidence of implementation required.

Completed student applications must be submitted to info@edimprovement.org no later than April 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The Center for Educational Improvement will evaluate all applications received in accordance with the posted deadline. **Awards will be announced no later than May 30, 2017**

Acceptable Formats for Submission

- **Service Learning Projects, Essays:** Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) Attachments Only
- **Research Paper, Service Learning Projects and/or Essays** must meet the stated submission criteria, with respect to content and format.
- **Student Group Submissions** must be accompanied by a separate listing that includes the contact information of each member of the student group as noted in the "Contact Information" section above.

ABOUT CEI: The Center for Educational Improvement is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to 21st century learning and leadership and uplifting schools and children. For more information on the Young Scholars Project Award and/or other programs and services, visit www.edimprovement.org.