

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) will provide a **\$2000 scholarship** to one 2020 high school senior from a **public or private** high school in Prince William or Fairfax County, including the cities of Manassas, Fairfax, and Manassas Park.

The goal of our scholarship is to increase interest and knowledge of American history with special emphasis on the Civil War as it happened in the local area and how it affected armies and civilians for both sides in the war.

The applicant should have a good academic record, show a passion for American history, visit a **local** Civil War historical site, and write a short referenced paper about the historical site. The applicant is not required to major in American history in college. However he/she should be ready to explain how one's interest in history could co-exist with one's career or leisure life after college.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

Applicants must submit the Scholarship Packet by email no later than April 6, 2020 to **BRCWRTScholarship@gmail.com**. Include the following:

1. **A completed *Application Form***. If it isn't included with these Instructions, you can obtain it by clicking on **<http://brcwrt.org>** or from scholarship databases at local schools.
2. A copy of the applicant's high school **grade transcript** which includes the first semester of the current school year and grade point average.
3. A **letter of recommendation** from a person not related to the applicant, but who has observed the applicant's interest in American History.
4. **One copy of an original paper with cited sources.**
5. A **selfie or regular photo of yourself** taken at a **Civil War historical site** in the local area.

THE PAPER AND PHOTO

After visiting one local Civil War historical site that is marked with a historical marker in your neighborhood or elsewhere in Prince William Co., Manassas City, Manassas Park, Fairfax Co., or Fairfax City, **write a paper about the importance of the site in the Civil War.** While at the site, take a selfie or regular photo showing yourself standing in front of the marker and **include the photo with your paper**. In your paper include stories of the people who were present at the site during the Civil War, what happened at the site, and why they were important.

OTHER INFORMATION

*The applicant's career objective need not be in work that involves solely the study or use of Civil War history. However, the applicant must show either from his/her academic records and/or interview that he/she has an interest in using his/her future leisure time to the study or stewardship of American history.

* **Paper requirements.** The paper must be original with no evidence of plagiarism. Besides being typed and double spaced, the paper should have a title page that includes applicant's name. The paper should be 3 - 5 pages long, 750 words minimum (not counting title page and bibliography). The paper must have a **bibliography** page that lists a minimum of **four sources**, **one of which at least must be a primary source**, such as a memoir of someone who lived during the Civil War, or The Official Records of the Union & Confederate Armies of the Civil War. You are encouraged to include as many primary sources as you can. All primary and secondary sources should be cited where needed within the text of the paper, using consistently one research reference style of the writer's choice.

* **Photo requirements and site location resources.** The **selfie** (or a photo taken by someone else) should be at least 3" x 4" and **must show you, the applicant, standing in front of the historical sign at the Civil War site** which is the subject of your paper. **Examples of sites** could be a house, church, river crossing, skirmish site, fort, or a battlefield and is marked with a Civil War historical sign. A database for all historical signs can be found at <http://www.hmdb.org>. Other helpful lists of sites are found at <http://www.civilwartraveler.com/maps/moremaps/PrinceWmCty.pdf> as well as <http://www.fxva.com/includes/content/docs/media/2013CivilWarBrochure1.pdf>.

*Each applicant will be notified shortly after April 6, 2020 that his/her application packet was received. **Finalists** will be notified by mid-April that they have been **selected for an interview**.

* The **winner** will be invited with his/her parents to the **June 11, 2020 BRCWRT general membership meeting at the Centreville Library at 7 p.m.** Prior to the meeting, the applicant and parents will be guests at dinner with Round Table leaders. The winner will receive a **free membership** in the BRCWRT.

***The stipend awarded to the winner** will be sent **to the winner's college or university** where it will be used for tuition.

***Applicant cannot be related directly** to the BRCWRT Executive Committee or the BRCWRT Scholarship Committee. The Round Table reserves the right to withhold a scholarship if it deems the quality of the submissions inadequate.

***Contact persons to answer questions:** njanwyll@verizon.net or bmcenany@cox.net.

GO FOR IT! APPLY! REWARD YOUR LOVE OF HISTORY! GOOD LUCK!