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Mensa Education & Research Foundation

2009 – 2010 International Scholarship Entry Form

Please complete the entry form below. This entry form MUST be typed or printed legibly and signed below.

Name		Age	National Mensa affiliation*
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Mensa member. <input type="checkbox"/> My parent is a Mensa member.			
Mailing address			
City	Postal code	Country	Phone
E-mail address			
Present address (if different from above)			
City	State	Postal code	Phone
Present educational level (circle one) Secondary University 1 2 3 4 Graduate School			
Degree sought (with field and emphasis):			
Name and address of qualifying college or university in the United States:			

* Applicant must be a non-U.S. citizen and a member in good standing of a national Mensa organization *other than American Mensa*, or the child of a member. Children of members who are not Mensa members themselves must be age 25 or younger to be eligible.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

I certify that the accompanying essay is solely my own work (except for professional translation services), that I have read and understand the rules and conditions of the essay contest, and that I agree to accept the decisions of the judges as final. I understand that any award may be revoked for failure to provide appropriate documentation regarding educational status, Mensa membership status, and/or certification of enrollment at a qualifying United States educational institution.

I understand that the Mensa Foundation is not responsible for late delivery by postal services. I agree that the Mensa Foundation may print my essay in its publications on its Web site or on national or local group Web sites, submit appropriate publicity releases to the media, and post results on the Mensa Web Site. All essays become the property of the Mensa Foundation.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Translations: I used the services of a translator in the preparation of this essay (circle): YES NO

REMEMBER, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2010.

Send completed entry form and essay to:

**Mensa Foundation Scholarships
PO Box 1371
Stone Mountain, GA 30086-1371**

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation (Mensa Foundation), a subsidiary of American Mensa Ltd. (the high IQ society), sponsors an annual essay contest.

ESSAY TOPIC AND GUIDELINES

Awards are made on the basis of an essay that describes the applicant's career, vocational, or academic goals. The sole eligibility requirements are that the applicant (1) be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, (2) be a non-U.S. citizen, and (3) be a member of Mensa other than American Mensa or be the child of a Mensa member. **Awards are unrestricted** as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average, and financial need. Winners **MUST** provide proof of school registration and national Mensa affiliation status when they are notified. Proof must be provided prior to payment of the award.

Only essays that conform to the rules will be considered. Essays not conforming to the rules will be disqualified. Submissions cannot be returned. All entries will be acknowledged; finalists will be notified by mail by the end of March and the scholarship winner will be notified by mail by the end of June. The list of finalists and the scholarship winner will be posted on the Mensa Foundation Web site. If you cannot access the Internet, you may request a list by sending a business-size (#10), self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) to Scholarship Winners List, American Mensa Ltd., 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington TX 76006. Names and national Mensa affiliations of winners will be posted on the Mensa Web site. *No other materials are to be submitted.* The decision of the judges is final. Please note the rules and guidelines below.

JUDGING WILL EMPHASIZE a goal statement that includes specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal, persuasiveness (e.g., how your past achievements/experience and your future planning increase the probability of reaching your goal), and why you think you will succeed. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation also will be considered.

RULES

1. The essay must be the applicant's original work. Quotes must be attributed.
2. The essay must be submitted in English. Translations are acceptable and must be noted as such on the application. Please note: Fees for professional translation services will NOT be reimbursed.
3. The length of the essay shall be no more than 550 words. The articles "a", "an" and "the" are included in the word count.
4. Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated (11 or 12 point) with full double spacing on one side only of white paper. They must have 1-inch margins all around, and the printing must be dark enough to read easily (essays will be photocopied). Do not staple pages; you may paper clip the application to the essay.
5. Applicant's name, address, or other identifying information **MUST NOT** be included in or on the essay. This information appears only on the application.
6. The applicant must fill in all requested information on page 1 of this form including signature and translation certification.
7. The envelope must contain **ONLY** the essay and the signed and completed entry form. This must be sent only to the address on the entry form.
8. Materials must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2010. The Mensa Foundation is not responsible for late delivery by the post office. Send only by regular delivery; **special delivery mail or deliveries requiring a signature will not be accepted.**
9. Essay will be disqualified if any personal contact is made by an applicant (i.e., someone who has submitted an essay) with any member of the Foundation International Scholarship Committee or judge.