



**JOHN
BURTON
FOUNDATION**
FOR CHILDREN
WITHOUT HOMES

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Laptop Essay Competition**

Introduction

The Laptop Essay Competition is an annual initiative sponsored by the John Burton Foundation to offer all students eligible for a Chafee grant* attending schools of higher education in the State of California an opportunity to win a brand new laptop computer.

Eligibility

This program is eligible to all Chafee eligible students on your campus. For the purpose of the laptop program, students must be eligible, but do not have to receive an actual grant. A Chafee eligible student is one who is a current or former foster youth who was in care on or after the age of 16 and who has not reached his/her 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year.

In order to participate in this contest, students must submit a written essay to their campus representative by **Friday, October 9, 2015**.

The essay must be:

- An original document created by the student
- Typewritten and not to exceed 1,000 words
- Focused on this year's theme.

The theme of the 2015-16 Essay Contest is:

What Inspired Me to Go to College

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Submission Process

Step 1: Student submits essay to campus representative.

Step 2: Student completes Section 1 of the application.

Step 3: Campus Representative completes Section 2 of the application.

Step 4: Campus representative submits essay and application to our office.

The deadline date to submit the essay is Friday, October 9, 2015. The essay must be submitted through your campus representative. Winners will be notified through their respective campus representatives on October 25, 2015. All laptops will be sent to campus representatives for distribution to winning students.

We at the John Burton Foundation understand the impact that sharing experiences can have, so we will reach out to a select number of essay winners to get permission to share their essays on our website.

Please submit all forms to our office either by mail, fax, or email to:

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For more information, please contact us at:

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John Burton Foundation 2015-16 Laptop Essay Competition Application

Section 1: To be filled out by Student

Name of Student:
Name of School:
Year in School:
Major:

I certify that the essay I have submitted is a work of my own creation, and that all the information I have written and submitted is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____

Section 2: To be filled out by Campus Representative

Name and Contact Information of Foster Youth Support Program Staff or Financial Aid Representative:

Name:	School:
Title:	Department:
Email:	Phone Number:
Address:	
City:	ZIP Code:

I verify that the student whose name is printed above is a student enrolled in our school and that he/she is a Chafee eligible student.

Signature (scanned signatures ok)

Date

Please fill out and mail, fax, or email back to our office by **Friday October 9, 2015**.
Separate forms need to be completed for each submission.

Contact Information for questions or further information:

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