

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) will provide a **\$1500 scholarship** to one 2017 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 our American history with special emphasis on the Civil 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 an interest in history could co-exist with one's career or leisure life after college.

I. Applicants must do the following: Submit the BRCWRT Scholarship Packet by email no later than **April 1, 2017** to **BRCWRTScholarship@gmail.com**.

A. Include the following in your scholarship packet:

1. **A completed *Application Form***. If it isn't included with these Instructions, it can be obtained from <http://www.bullruncwrt.org/scholarship> or from scholarship databases at local schools
2. A copy of the **applicant's high school grade transcript** that 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**
5. A **selfie or regular photo of yourself** taken at a **Civil War historical site** in the local area

II. The Paper and Photo

After visiting one Civil War historical site that is marked with an 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 historical 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 and what happened at the site.

III. 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 the title page or bibliography). The paper also should have a bibliography page at the end of the paper that lists at least four sources, one of which at least must be a primary source. Sources should be cited where needed within the text of the paper, using consistently one 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, rock, tavern, 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 1** 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 8, 2017 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 which includes a subscription to the *Stone Wall* newsletter.

***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.**

***Contact persons to answer questions** can be reached at njanwyll@verizon.net or bmccenany@cox.net.

***The Round Table reserves the right to withhold the offer of a scholarship** if it deems the quality of the submissions inadequate.

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