

## The Class of 1995 Alumni Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

The Custer High School Class of 1995 graduated a multitude of personalities and talents. Over the years we have achieved an even greater number of successes, and some failures... we continue to learn, each and every day, as we go along our daily lives. Of the 70 students that graduated among us, everyone excelled in different ways. We had a bit of everything, the student council president, the homecoming queen, the basketball star, the computer techie, the valedictorian, the quiet writer, the musician, the after-school cook, among many other success stories within our midst. There are even those of us that excelled at finding trouble, but we won't dwell on that. This scholarship is from the whole class and is representative of all of us, and all that we have accomplished in the years that have since passed.

With that, this scholarship is *not* about how many clubs you are in, or leadership roles you have attained, how popular you are, how high your GPA is, or what your financial needs are. Simply put, it is about understanding what you have learned thus far in your life and how hard you have worked – we believe it is these two things that define who you are and will assist you in achieving your goals going forward.

We've made this an essay contest. We understand that essays can be difficult, and we have all done our fair share of complaining over having to write them; however, after consideration of how to best select a winner, or winners, we determined that if there was not some effort put into it, it would not define what you have learned, or, how hard you have worked. Most importantly, we have decided this is the best way for us to learn about you and get a sense of who you are, what you have learned, and what you want to achieve.

Best of Luck!

The Class of 1995

Scholarship:     **\$1000**

Deadline:       **April 1**

Requirements: Typed essays must be submitted in word format with your full name, permanent address, phone number, and email (all single spaced) in the upper lefthand corner. The body of the essay shall be typed with 1" margins and 12 pt font, double spaced, and should be a minimum of one page, but no longer than five pages. Ideally, your essay will be just long enough to fully explain your point and convey your message to the Class of 1995 members that will be judging your submission. Once complete, please submit your essay in word and/or pdf format to [trent.bruce@dgr.com](mailto:trent.bruce@dgr.com). The topic of your essay should answer one of the following questions:

- 1 – Where do you see yourself in 25 years?
- 2 – What does "Success of Failure / Failure of Success" mean to you?
- 3 – If you could do it all over again, what would you do differently?

Each of the submittals will be reviewed by the Class of 1995 and winner(s) will be presented the notified by the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please send an email to [trent.bruce@dgr.com](mailto:trent.bruce@dgr.com).