

# SAMPLE ESSAY

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## Essay Topic

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Over the years, there have been many important people in my life. There is one, however, that stands out more than the rest. Ever since I was 13, I have been taking Tae Kwon Do classes at *MS Word 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font* Master Julius Melegrito and he played an essential role during my high school years. *Single space paragraphs* gain a lot of confidence and self-respect; this helped me to achieve many goals in my high school.

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A year after joining Martial Arts International, Master Julius placed me in the advanced level adult class and invited to join the Black Belt Club. This is a prestigious club for martial artists that have made a goal to achieve their Black Belts. Another year later, after my Freshmen year in high school, he put me in the Leadership Team. *Single space paragraphs* This is for students who will become Assistant Instructors and, eventually, full Black Belt. Then, he invited me to join the Demo Team, which is for students who do special performances for many different public occasions. On October 27<sup>th</sup> of the year 2007, I tested for my Black Belt; it was a six hour testing. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, I ceremonially received my Black Belt. It took me four years to earn my Black Belt, and I count it as the *1.25 left & right margins* of my high school career. I couldn't have *1.25 left & right margins* Master Julius' encouragement and assistance. All of the extra activities Master Julius placed me in gave me more responsibility in his school; it showed how much confidence and trust he had in me. *As a result, I began to be more confident.*

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By helping me to earn my Black Belt, Master Julius taught me an important lesson; there is no goal that is too high to reach. So, I began to reach for what I originally thought was impossible. Thanks to Master Julius, I now have two options for college; I am an alternate for the United States Air Force Academy and I have an AFROTC scholarship; I have also been accepted into Texas A&M University and the Corps of Cadets.

Almost from the very beginning, Master Julius put me in leadership positions within his school as an Assistant Instructor and then as a Black Belt Instructor. This affected my other activities; I gained many more leadership positions during my high school years. In my Youth Group, I became one of the youth group planners and leaders. I became a Varsity Public Forum Debater within my first year of taking debate. And in my JROTC group I held numerous leadership roles; Flight Commander, Kitty Hawk Air Society Secretary, and Chief of Operations to name a few. All of this was only possible because Master Julius refused to let me stay the quiet, shy girl I was when I first joined his school; he turned me into a leader.

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## Rules and Eligibility

To enter, write and submit a one page essay of 500 words or less on the topic: **"My Contribution(s) to the Air Force"**. Essays exceeding one page and 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified.

### \*Essays must be:

- One page, 500 words or less (excluding title)
- Typed in MS Word 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font
- Single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs (see sample on the back of this brochure)
- One-inch top and bottom margin, and 1.25 inch left and right margin
- Submitted on CD

### \*Essay package must include:

- CD containing essay with participant name, date and word count (don't put Social Security Number on the disk or essay)
- Entry form included in this brochure (photocopies accepted). Make sure all information marked with an asterisk\* is provided
- Current College/University acceptance letter for new students or official transcripts for those students already enrolled

**Important Notice:** Essays not meeting the above parameters will be disqualified. Submit your entry to your installation Force Support Squadron point of contact no later than **Friday, July 1, 2011**. Final scholarship awards will be announced on **Friday, September 16, 2011**. All entries received by HQ AFSVA/SVOF will be advised of scholarship selection or non-selection. Only one essay per eligible person will be accepted.

Current Air Force Club members and their family members (e.g. spouse, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter) who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2011 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. **Applicants must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter or latest transcripts.** Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum.

Grandchildren who are dependents of the club member are also eligible. Force Support Squadron commander/civilian directors, deputy commanders, division chiefs, flight chiefs, club managers, assistant club managers, marketing directors, staffs of MAJCOMs, HQ AFSVA and HQ /A1S, and family members of these individuals, are not eligible to participate.

### \*These requirements are strictly enforced.

**Not meeting these requirements will result in disqualification.**

**For entry form and to view last year's entries, please visit our web page at [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net).**

## 2011 Air Force Clubs Membership Scholarship Entry Form

Eligibility and entry requirements can be found at [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net)

### \*REQUIRED INFORMATION

Club Member or Sponsor's Rank:\*

Name:\*

Last ten digits of member's club membership card:\*

Installation & Location:\*

Type of club (Check)\*

- Officers'  Enlisted  
 Consolidated  Collocated

**If selected to receive one of the 25 scholarship awards, I agree to provide HQ AFSVA/SVOF required information to issue Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to my financial institution.**

Signature\*

Participant's Full Name:\*

Address:\*

City:\*

State:\*

Zip:\*

Phone Number:\*

Student Category (Check one):\*

- new  full-time  
 part-time  graduate  undergraduate

If participant is not a club member please explain their relationship to the member.

Relationship to member:\*

### ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Participants must provide a one page essay of 500 words or less (excluding title) entitled **"My Contribution(s) to the Air Force"**. This requirement must be submitted on CD. In addition to the title, essay page must have participant's name, date and word count. Essays must have a one-inch top and bottom margin and 1.25 inch left and right margin, single-spaced, and double-spaced between paragraphs. Essay must be typed in MS Word 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font. **All essay packages must be submitted to the installation Force Support Squadron point of contact by Friday, 1 July 2011.**

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority 10 U.S.C. 8013 Purpose: Information collected to select and notify scholarship winners **Routine Uses:** None **Disclosure:** A failure to provide the information makes you ineligible for a scholarship.