



2015 PAUL SIMON STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's **PAUL SIMON STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST** provides a \$500 scholarship to the student who best describes "How My Community College Has Changed My Life."

CONTEST RULES

All currently enrolled students at ICCTA member colleges are eligible to participate in the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest at the local level. However, each ICCTA member college may enter only **ONE** student essay in the statewide competition each year.

Each essay must be brief (less than 500 words), typed, and address the theme "How My Community College Has Changed My Life." Entrants may use "How My Community College Has Changed My Life" as the essay's title or create their own title related to the theme.

EACH ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED ON THE BASIS OF WRITING STYLE, CLARITY OF EXPRESSION, AND RELEVANCY TO THE TOPIC, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED ON CORRECT GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION.

★ Failure to follow these rules will result in the disqualification of an essay ★

CONTEST DEADLINES

All essays must be received **BY 5 PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015**. The winner of the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest will receive a \$500 cash stipend for educational expenses during the fall 2015 semester. In addition, ICCTA will invite the winner to attend the association's June 5, 2015, awards luncheon in Schaumburg.

To submit an entry for the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest, please send your essay and a completed Entry Form (signed by the appropriate contact person at your local community college) to:

**Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711
FAX: 217-528-8662**

E-MAIL: iccta@communitycolleges.org

▪ For more information, please contact Kim Villanueva at 1-800-454-2282, ext. 1 ▪

***Applications are due in Southeastern's
Office of Academic Affairs (C 203)
no later than FEBRUARY 19, 2015
The local winner will receive
a \$50.00 award and the right to
compete in the statewide contest.***