

ERASE RACISM

Raise Your Voice Essay Contest

This year, ERASE Racism gathered people from across Long Island to discuss the importance of teaching students about the impact of racism throughout U.S. history.

We have heard from educators and community advocates.

Now we want to hear from students!

Using a recent event or personal experience that inspires you to raise your voice, tell us:

- **Why it is crucial that teachers teach about the history of racism in the U.S. and**
- **How learning about racism helps us build a more racially just Long Island for your generation and future ones.**

You might consider why students should learn about the following topics, but don't feel limited by them!

- **Slavery on Long Island**
- **The history of housing discrimination on Long Island**
- **Educational inequities on Long Island**
- **Recent events about racism that you wish teachers had discussed in class**

Due Date: Friday, May 20, 2022
EACH OF THE 4 STUDENT WINNERS
WILL RECEIVE A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

THE CONTEST IS FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ON LONG ISLAND WHO HAVE PLANS TO ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE, TWO-YEAR COLLEGE, OR AN ACCREDITED VOCATIONAL PROGRAM. STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE OFFICIAL PROOF OF ENROLLMENT TO A COLLEGE OR PROGRAM (SUCH AS VERIFICATION FORM/LETTER) TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FUNDS.

Essays must be 400-500 words, submitted in Word format, and emailed to scholarships@eraseracismny.org with the subject heading "Raise your Voice Scholarship Submission." To be considered for the scholarship, you must also include the following contact information with your submission: Name, Email, Phone Number, and School

We thank SCOPE for their generous sponsorship of our essay contest.