

**\$1000.00 Scholarship
For Virginia high school students grades 9-12**

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To: High School Guidance Counselors, Scholarship Coordinators, and History Department Chairmen. * Please copy this letter and share with all counselors and history teachers.

Subject: The Armenian Education Center is pleased to announce an essay question competition, which will award a **\$1000.00 scholarship** to one Virginia high school student. The competition is open to ninth through twelfth grade students. Hard copy essays must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2012. As per instructions, essays **must also** be emailed by April 2nd. Please see the enclosed essay question and presentation format for specific details.

History Teachers: This essay addresses the second part of **SOL World History II, 12b** which examines the Holocaust and other examples of genocide in the twentieth century. Review page 51 of the SOL Curriculum Framework for additional information. If you assign this as a research topic when teaching this SOL objective, be sure to encourage your students to consider entering the attached \$1000 scholarship competition.

Please visit our website, www.armenian-educationcenter.org. It is designed for educators with lesson plans and resources for teaching the Armenian Genocide.

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A Few Words Concerning Organization

Think of your opening and closing paragraphs as "bookends" that hold the body of your essay in place. Within the body of your paper, be certain that you support your statements with information derived from credible sources. Your concluding paragraph should summarize the key points while making clear your opinion on the topic. Be aware that those evaluating your essay will be very interested in your voice (your personal opinion and feelings) in addition to having demonstrated knowledge of this period in history.

Preparing Your Essay for Submission

Essay format:

- ◆ Essays must be typed double spaced using Arial or Times New Roman 12 font.
- ◆ Body of essay should not exceed 4 type written pages.
- ◆ In addition to the maximum 4 pages, please add a "Works Cited" page using MLA formatting.
- ◆ Please include parenthetical citations. Handwritten essays will be eliminated.
- ◆ Include your name on the top right corner of each page.

Cover Page must include (separate from 4 pages of essay):

- ◆ Title of essay
- ◆ Student's name
- ◆ Student's home address, email and phone number
- ◆ High school name, address and phone number
- ◆ Student's grade level
- ◆ Student's guidance counselor's name and direct phone number or extension

Mail AND electronically submit your essay: Please email your essay as a Microsoft Word document to: director@armenian-educationcenter.org **VERY IMPORTANT:** Save your document using the following format: last name first initial_AG2012 example: for Joan Smith essay would be saved as **smithj_AG2012**. **Both an emailed version and a hard copy mailed version are required** and have the same **April 2, 2012 deadline**. Use the correct postage amount or your essay will be returned unopened.

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Please note: All essays will not be returned and become the property of The Armenian Education Center; by submitting your essay, you agree that it can be reproduced in whole or in part by the Armenian Education Center. For additional information please email:

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\$1000.00 Armenian Genocide Scholarship Question Spring 2012

In referring to the Armenian Genocide, Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire (1913-16) stated in his memoirs, *"I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this. The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared with the sufferings of the Armenian race in 1915."* He also stated, *"When the Turkish authorities gave the orders for these deportations, they were merely giving the death warrant to a whole race; they understood this well, and, in their conversations with me, they made no particular attempt to conceal the fact."* Keeping Ambassador Morgenthau's statements in mind, please discuss:

The Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 is an historical fact; however, the present day government of Turkey continues its denial that it happened. Use credible resources, including primary sources, showing that the Armenian Genocide occurred.

Since this is the same question as in prior years, previous winners are ineligible to enter.