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2010 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COVER SHEET

Off-shore oil drilling along Florida's coast is and has been a controversial issue. Please express your position on this topic. Justify your argument by showing a clear understanding of both the positive and negative effects involving this issue.

NAME:

PARENT'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

CELL:

EMAIL:

HIGH SCHOOL:

How long have you lived in Redington Beach?

COLLEGE/MAJOR, if decided:



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2010 REDINGTON BEACH SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Redington Beach Property Owners Association, Inc. is pleased to announce the kick off of the annual essay contest. Two scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$2000 and \$1000. All graduating high school seniors who live in Redington Beach are encouraged to submit entries. All entrants will receive a gift.

To be considered for scholarships, the applicants must submit a persuasive essay, 1500 words or less on this topic:

Off-shore oil drilling along Florida's coast is and has been a controversial issue. Please express your position on this topic. Justify your argument by showing a clear understanding of both the positive and negative effects involving this issue.

The deadline to submit essays is April 14, 2010.

An awards ceremony will be held at the RBPOA Potluck Dinner on April 22nd, 6 PM at Town Hall. All residents as well as families of the applicants are welcome. Dishes, drinks and desserts are provided.

Participants may pick up an entry packet at the Redington Beach Town Hall located at 105-164th Avenue. You can also obtain a packet or further information by emailing to: rbpoa@tampabay.rr.com, or by contacting Fatima Rapuano @ 727-742-2955.

Thank you and Good Luck!
Board of Directors, RBPOA



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Thank you entering the RBPOA 2010 College Scholarship Essay contest. These awards are offered to graduating seniors who reside in the Town of Redington Beach. The essay topic is:

Off-shore oil drilling along Florida's coast is and has been a controversial issue. Please express your position on this topic. Justify your argument by showing a clear understanding of both the positive and negative effects involving this issue.

Entry Packet Requirements:

- Completed cover sheet
- 1500 words or less *Persuasive* essay on the topic stated above
- Typed in 12 point font and double-spaced with 1 inch margins
- Works Cited page in MLA format

Entry Deadline:

- Postmarked no later than April 14, 2010. Mail to RBPOA, PO Box 86626, Madeira Beach, FL 33738.
- Delivered to Town Hall by closing on April 14, 2010
- Emailed to rbpoa@tampabay.rr.com by 4 PM on April 14, 2010
- No late entries will be accepted.

Judging Format:

- Five judges will score the essays
- Essays are blind-copied and judges do not know the name of the student being judged
- Attached rubric will be used for scoring the essays
- Applicant's voice and opinion are expected

Awards:

- First Place: \$2000.00
- Second Place: \$1000.00
- All entrants will receive a gift.

The awards ceremony will be held on April 22, 2010 at the RBPOA Potluck dinner at Town Hall, 6 PM. We ask that you attend the ceremony, if your schedule allows.

Thank you and Good Luck!
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Rubric: Persuasive Essay

Essay # _____	Excellent -20	Good-15	Satisfactory-10	Needs Improvement-5	Score
Introduction	The introduction is very inviting to the reader. It clearly states the main topic, previews the structure of the paper and presents the thesis statement.	The introduction clearly states the main topic, previews the structure of the paper and states the thesis, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper or thesis, nor is it particularly inviting to the reader.	There is no clear introduction of the main topic, structure of the paper and/or thesis.	
Organization	The body of the essay is arranged in a logical order as discussed in the introduction. Effective transitions are used throughout the essay. The writer captures the interest and emotion of the reader.	The body is arranged in a logical order as discussed in the introduction. Effective transitions are used in most the essay. The writer interests the reader.	The body is not arranged in a logical order as discussed in the introduction. Effective transitions are sometimes used in the essay. The writer does not fully engage the interest of the reader.	The body is not arranged in a logical order as discussed in the introduction. Effective transitions are not used in the essay. The writer does not capture the interest of the reader.	
Focus	The writer takes a clear position and supports it with specific and convincing facts and/or examples.	The writer takes a position and supports it with specific facts and/or examples.	The writer takes a position and provides uneven support. The essay lacks development in parts or is repetitive.	The writer's position is unclear and the essay is underdeveloped.	
Writer's Voice	The writer successfully uses persuasive strategies to demonstrate why the reader should care or want to know more about the topic.	The writer successfully uses adequate strategies to demonstrate why the reader should care or want to know more about the topic.	The writer attempts to make the reader care about the topic, but is not really successful.	The writer makes no attempt to make the reader care about the topic.	

Language	Errors in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation are few if any. Writer often uses descriptive and creative language while exhibiting a variety of sentence structure and word choice.	There are some errors in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation. The writer demonstrates ability with language, but essay is sometimes vague.	There are several errors in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation. The writer lacks good word choice and uses similar sentence structure.	There are many errors in grammar, spelling and/or punctuation. The writer lacks good or accurate word choice and lacks formal sentence structure.	
Conclusion	The conclusion restates the thesis and summarizes the supporting details. The writer's position is clearly understood.	The conclusion restates the thesis and ties up almost all the loose ends. The writer's position is understood.	The conclusion is recognizable, but does not restate the thesis and tie up several loose ends. The writer's position is not clearly understood.	There is no clear conclusion. The paper just ends.	
Accuracy of Facts	All supporting facts are reported and cited accurately.	Almost all supporting facts are reported and cited accurately.	Most supporting facts are reported and cited accurately.	Facts are reported and/or cited inaccurately.	
				Essay Total:	