

**DREAM BUILDERS OF AMERICA’S YOUTH INC.  
AND THE  
AUGUSTA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEYS (ACAAA)  
2018 JUDGE JOHN “JACK” RUFFIN, Jr. TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY  
CONTEST**

In honor of Judge John “Jack” Ruffin Jr., Dream Builders and the ACAA are sponsoring their Eighth Annual Judge John H. Ruffin Trailblazer Scholarship Essay Contest. The essay contest is for graduating college-bound seniors only throughout the CSRA.

This year the students must address the questions listed below, based upon actual research, about the trailblazing United States immigration policy relating to the ABA Law Day Theme **Separation of Powers: A Framework for Freedom**. In addition to the research based essay, students should submit a personal statement. A *minimum award of \$1000.00* each will be given to one male and one female high school senior, and one female and one male participant in the Fort Gordon Campus Youth Challenge. The winners will receive their checks at the Law Day Dinner held by the Augusta Bar Association on **May 3, 2018**.

**DUE DATE: April 27, 2018**

Email to [DreamPlanAchieve.jeffords@comcast.com](mailto:DreamPlanAchieve.jeffords@comcast.com) or mail to Dream Builders at 437 Walker Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. If mailed, the essay must be **received by April 27, 2018**.

**DATE FOR AWARD: The winner will receive notification by May 1, 2018 and will receive checks at the Law Day Dinner on May 3, 2018.** The winner **must** be present at the dinner to receive the award. **The minimum \$1000.00 award must be used for school related purposes. (i.e., tuition, books, tests, college rent).**

If you have questions, please contact Tanya Jeffords or Estella Mills at 706-722-3019.

**Part One: Essay**

The founders of our nation created a system of government to ensure that no single branch would become too powerful. This system of checks and balances is often a news source. During the last two presidential administrations, the U.S. policy toward immigration is one that has frequently engaged all three branches of government.

How has each branch of government become involved in the legislation, litigation, and enforcement of how children of undocumented immigrants (Dreamers) should be treated and how freedom and citizenship in the United States should be defined?

Essay Requirements: Maximum 2 pages, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font. Essays and personal statements will be reviewed for content, development of ideas, as well as sentence structure, word choice, and grammar. It is highly recommended that you have your essay reviewed by one of your teachers. Please include that educator’s contact information on the second form attached.

## **Part Two: Personal Statement**

What life experiences helped you develop your educational and professional goals? How would winning this award help you in your pursuit of achieving them?

Personal Statement Requirements: No less than 1 and no more than 2 pages, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font. Essays and personal statements will be reviewed for content, development of ideas, as well as sentence structure, word choice, and grammar. It is highly recommended that you have your essay reviewed by one of your teachers. Please include that educator's contact information on the second form attached.

Please complete the next page and submit it with your essay. The information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page must be included with your email. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON YOUR ESSAY.**

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ESSAY CONTEST**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_\_

High School:\_\_\_\_\_

Reviewing Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address:\_\_\_\_\_ City:\_\_\_\_\_

State:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Cell:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names:\_\_\_\_\_

College(s) that you plan to or will attend in the fall:\_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHOOL PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE \$1000.00 WILL BE USED:** (I.E., what college will you be attending in the fall or what test or application for admission will the funds be used for):\_\_\_\_\_

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(Proof of use for college related expenses is required. The Board reserves the right to send all money directly to the educational institution as identified by the winner of the essay contest).

ESSAY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (FOR REVIEWERS USE ONLY).