ESSAY TOPICS FOR 2015 STRAIGHT ROAD INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Straight Road International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves communities through education and programs in two key areas: Health and Financial Literacy.

Mission: To help others walk the straight road towards good health and financial success.

STRAIGHT ROAD HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP:

1) Imagine that you are a health official for a small island (~1,500 people) around the time of the Ebola outbreak in 2014. Your island has a significant trade and tourism relationship with a number of West African countries. In your essay (i) outline the steps you would take to educate your island community about Ebola as well as (ii) the steps you would take to keep the island safe from the disease.

2) Pollution continues to be a major environmental concern in the United States. In your essay (i) choose one form of pollution, (ii) describe its impact on health, and (iii) outline steps that can be taken to alleviate the form of pollution that you have chosen.

3) If you were given the opportunity to educate and inform youth on a health related topic, what topic would you choose and why? What would be your plan to raise awareness about your chosen topic?

STRAIGHT ROAD FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

1) Your grandparents are approaching retirement and are concerned about the social security benefits they will receive upon retirement. They are also considering when they should retire given their accrued social security benefits. Explain in an essay addressed to your grandparents (i) what social security is and (ii) what the most important factors are that they should consider in evaluating their social security benefits.

2) In its simplest form budgeting simply means to live within one’s financial means. You have the opportunity to address a freshman class at your university about the importance of budgeting. In essay form, write the speech that you would deliver. Include in your speech the steps that the audience should take to create their personal budget.

3) Describe one financial goal that you would like to achieve and the steps that you plan to take to achieve that goal.

Note:
1. All mailed entries must be postmarked by no later than July 31, 2015 and sent to Straight Road International, P.O. Box 67, Lodi, NJ 07644.

2. Entries may also be submitted via e-mail to support@straightroadint.org and must be received by no later than July 31, 2015.

3. A scholarship of $1000 will be awarded to each winner. Note that only one scholarship will be awarded in each category: 1) the Straight Road Finance Scholarship and 2) the Straight Road Health Scholarship. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the student’s college or university, or to the student’s undergraduate loans.

4. Only one essay entry per student. (Choose one essay topic in either the health or finance category. Not both.)