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2004 Spring Scholarship

We are now accepting submissions for the Spring 2004 Scholarship!

Spring 2004 Awards: We are offering three awards this spring.

- One grand prize: **\$1,500**
- Two runner-up prizes: **\$250** each

Deadline: Entries must be submitted on our Web site by 30-June-2004 Midnight EST (Eastern Standard Time) <http://www.textbookx.com/>

Rules and Essay Topic: Students meeting our eligibility requirements must submit an essay on the following topic:

What is a nation?

Essay Guidelines:

1. In responding to this question, you must make reference to one book that has had a significant influence on your thoughts concerning this topic. In addition to the guidelines set forth above, we will be looking for well-crafted essays that use correct spelling and good grammar.
2. Essay lengths must be at least 250 words and must not exceed 750 words.
3. Akademos will not award scholarships to applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements.
4. All information on the application must be accurate and complete.
5. Essays must be the original work of the applicant. Plagiarism in any form results in disqualification.
6. Applicants must reference one book that has influenced the response to the essay, and provide complete bibliographical information for it. Applicants may also reference other works in the body of the essay but are required to indicate clearly the title and author of the work(s).
7. The scholarship will be paid directly to the winner. Payment of awards will be contingent upon receipt of verification that the applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements.
8. TextbookX.com scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, or national origin.

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The company was founded with the goal of enhancing educational opportunities for students. In line with this fundamental purpose, we launched last year the TextbookX.com Scholarship Program and we hope to make it a longstanding and bountiful feature of our website.

Online Discussion Forum:

We are also providing an online discussion board to promote open communication about the essay question that will run until the entry deadline. This forum will be supervised and monitored by Dr. Brian Jacobs, former professor of political philosophy from Cornell University as well as founder and CEO of Akademos.

Who's Eligible:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in good standing as an undergraduate or graduate student attending an accredited college or university in the United States sometime between 01-January-2004 and 30-June-2004.
2. Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States. International students with valid visas are also eligible.
3. Applicant cannot be a relative or friend of an Akademos employee.
4. Applicant must complete and submit an online application form through the TextbookX.com website by 30-June-2004 Midnight EST (Eastern Standard Time)
5. Applications submitted by email or postal mail will not be accepted.
6. One application allowed per person.

Prize Selection, Property, and Announcements:

All submitted essays become the property of Akademos, Inc. and may be used for publicity, publication, or as content for the TextbookX.com web site. Applicants' names may also be used for publicity purposes. Winners will be notified by email or mail by August 31, 2004. Winners will be announced on the TextbookX.com website on or before September 15, 2004.

Essay Guidance:

To some scholars, the concept of the "nation" has undergone substantial changes. In the age of globalization, instant communications, and organizations such as NATO, the United Nations, and the European Union, how would you choose to describe the current idea of a "nation"?

In thinking about this topic, try to focus on concepts rather than on definitions, thinking beyond such starts as, "Webster's Dictionary Defines..." Has the concept of the nation become more or less relevant in the context of modern global changes? Are characteristics such as cultural history, ethnicity, and physical borders still crucial in defining a nation? What is the difference between a nation and a state in your opinion, and how have the two changed in recent years, if at all?

The book that you reference-whether it is political, philosophical, historical, theological, scientific, fictional, or poetic in nature-should tie directly to your essay. **You should not, however, quote extensively from this work or otherwise paraphrase its arguments.** The successful applicants will have essays that draw from an important work yet produce an original way of approaching the topic.

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