

The Senator David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest was created to encourage research and critical thinking about the character traits that helped make America great.

**Essay Question:** Under Georgia law, public schools are required to provide character development programming to all students with a focus on developing the following character traits:

courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship loyalty, perseverance, and virtue.

In 800 words or fewer, please write an essay about a person in American History who exemplified one or more of these character traits.

**Deadline:** January 1, 2018 at 11:59 P.M.

**Who Qualifies:** Any High School student in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent if student is enrolled in a non-traditional learning experience. In order to qualify, you must be domiciled within the state of Georgia.

**How to Submit Your Entry:** Visit <http://www.senatorshafer.com/scholarshipessayrules/> , where you will be able to copy and paste the contents of your essay in order to submit it.

**Student Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$1,500 and an official Resolution by the Georgia Senate recognizing the achievement

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$750

3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$250