Rappahannock Scholars
2015 Essay Contest

The Rappahannock Scholars Program at the University of Mary Washington invites ALL STUDENTS from Central, Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Rappahannock, and Washington & Lee High Schools to enter the Rappahannock Scholars 2015 Essay Contest. The TOP 3 entries will be awarded prizes.

The questions come from the 2015 Common Application. Choose one of the essay topics below.

• Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their life story would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

• Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?

• Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?

• Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?

• Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

Submit your essay to win great prizes!

Essays must be
• 300-500 words
• Typed and double spaced
• Include a title
• Include name, school, and grade

Submit entries by January 31, 2015 to Stephanie New at snew@umw.edu.

Essays will be judge on the following criteria:
• Adherence to contest guidelines
• Writing is clear and coherent
• Addresses the topic or answers the question