

2024 - 2025

City of Rosemead \$1,000 Scholarship Essay



Five City of Rosemead residents who are college-bound high school seniors could each win a \$1,000 scholarship! Essays are due by May 13, 2025.

Republic Services® is proud to announce the 2024-2025 Annual Essay Writing Scholarship Program. College-bound seniors can write and submit a thoughtful essay on one of the environmental topics specified on the back of this flyer.

Please submit only one essay per student. Send entries to: **JBustamante@RepublicServices.com**. Include your essay in the body of the e-mail and as an attached PDF document. Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, high school name, and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.



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ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Imagine your city has just implemented a Senate Bill (SB) 1383 organics recycling program for the first time, and you have been tasked with educating the community about it. How would you effectively spread awareness about the program? Discuss the methods you would use to engage community members and business owners on why promoting program participation is important for the environment on both a local and global scale.
2. Imagine you discover that one of your favorite local restaurants is discarding large amounts of pre-packaged and unpackaged food. How would you advise the owner to reconsider this practice and suggest alternative methods to reduce food waste? In your response, discuss the financial, environmental, and social impact of food waste on the community. Propose two practical solutions the restaurant could implement to minimize waste and benefit all parties involved.
3. Write as though you are explaining to your grandparent how to source-separate trash into the three streams: organics, recycling, and solid waste. Explain the benefits of source separation, providing examples for each stream.
4. Explain the detailed process of creating renewable natural gas (RNG). Include information on what RNG is used for within Republic Services and how it benefits the environment. Address at least two negative environmental impacts of methane gases, and explain how the creation of RNG mitigates those dangers.
5. Explain two or more negative effects of allowing organic waste to accumulate in landfills. Detail two or more positive alternatives to properly dispose of organic waste. Include information on how Republic Services is working to sustainably process organic waste.

Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length (citations not included), typewritten and double-spaced in 11 point font (Open Sans). Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entries must be original, unpublished essays, written by the contestants. Essays generated by AI will be prohibited and rejected if submitted.

A panel of judges will evaluate all essays based on creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment, and a vision for the future. Submissions will also be judged based on writing standards outlined in A Writer's Reference and required by most colleges and universities. Decisions by the judges are final.

- *Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by Republic Services.*