*My City Magazine* is a publication dedicated to highlighting the postive aspects of the Greater Flint area. We have created a scholarship for high school seniors in the Genesee Intermediate School District.

**Eligibility**

* All essay entries must be original works and have a title and byline.
  + Only one essay entry per Applicant.
* All entries must be from a registered GISD high school student with senior status.
* All Applicants must disclose which institution, college, or university they plan to attend once they graduate at time of submission.

**Essay Topic**

* All entries must be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1,000 words.
* You can choose which prompt you would like to submit to:
  + Prompt 1: How Something Significant in Your Life has Shaped Who You Are
  + Prompt 2: Your Thoughts on Social Media

**Timeline**

* Prompt 1 deadline: **June 30, 2016**
  + Winners will be announced September 1, 2016
* Prompt 2 deadline: **September 30, 2016**
  + Winners will be announced December 1, 2016
* 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place essays will also be published in the September 2016 and December 2016 issues of *My City Magazine*.
  + Grand Prize Scholarship winner will be announced January 1, 2017.

**Scholarship Amounts**

* 1st Place – $500
* 2nd Place – $250
* 3rd Place – $250
* The Grand Prize Scholarship – $2,500
* Both of the 1st Place winners from Prompt 1 and 2 will be under consideration for the $2,500 Grand Prize Scholarship.
* 2nd and 3rd Place are allowed to submit again for the next essay prompt to try and win 1st Place.
  + Applicants may only win 1st Place once.

**Judging Process**:

* All entries will be read by the *My City Magazine* Essay Contest Committee.
* The Committee will consider:
  + Original voice, unique style, fresh point of view, creativity, descriptive language, authenticity or “realness,” and overall clarity and control over the writing
  + Adherence to basic English spelling/grammar/mechanic rules
* All entries will be read in conjunction with the rules and requirements listed above and on the website, the prompt, and then judged accordingly.

The contest opens on **Friday, March 18**.

For further directions on how to apply, and for the

official rules and requirements, please go to

**www.mycitymag.com/essaycontest**