



## **Bernie Reed Scholarship**

The OAHU Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the theme and criteria for the 2018 Bernie Reed Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will award ONE - \$1500 scholarship based on applicant's accomplishments, community service, presentation of essay, understanding of the topic, spelling and grammar.

### **Application Criteria**

The following is a list of the required components of each submission:

- Applicants must submit a brief cover letter, outlining their educational and professional goals. Applicants should include information about community service activities with which they are involved and how they came to know about the scholarship.
- Applicants must submit an essay on this year's theme.
- The essay should be written at or above "college level". Applicants should carefully review their submissions for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors. Applicants should also take the time to review the topic and clearly state their view and explain why.

### **Submission Rules**

The guidelines below must be followed for all submissions in order to be considered for the award:

- All application materials must be received in one submission. Please do not submit materials separately. The submission packet must include:
  - Applicant's cover letter explaining their accomplishments
  - Community service
  - Education goals
  - Most recent grade point average
  - Essay
- The essay should be approximately 1,000 words and must be submitted in electronic format. Applicants should e-mail their essays to the Scholarship Chair, Kelly Pastore at [info@orahu.org](mailto:info@orahu.org)
- Applicants should be high school seniors or undergraduates.

- The essay should be written at “college level”; applicants should carefully review their submissions for spelling and grammatical errors.
- Family members of the reviewing committee are ineligible.
- Submissions will be the property of OAHU and will not be returned to the applicants and may be reprinted by the Association.
- Submission packets must be received by the deadline below in order to be considered.

## **Timeline**

**June 7, 2018**  
**June 14, 2018**

**Submissions due no later than 5:00pm.**  
**Announcement of award recipient.**

## **Evaluation of Entries**

All Scholarship applications are reviewed by the Committee chairperson for completeness and eligibility. The chairperson then “blinds” each applicant’s essay so the applicant cannot be identified by the rest of the Committee. Next, the Scholarship Committee (excluding the chairperson) scores each essay in a number of areas, including grammar, addressing the assigned theme, presentation and overall content. The essay scores are tallied and combined with points given for their goals/community service cover letter. No applicant may have a family member on the Scholarship Committee. As a reminder, the members of the Scholarship Committee are: Kelly Pastore, Kathy Gadinis, Karin Hoffman Burns, Athena Robertson and Julianne Horner.

## **2018 Scholarship Essay Topic**

*In your own words, please explain how Healthcare in America is or is not meeting the needs of the population and how the health insurance industry is or is not meeting the needs of the healthcare system?*

*If you could make changes to either the healthcare system and/ or the health insurance industry what would you change?*