

Narcotics.com Essay Scholarship

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Narcotics.com Scholarship Overview:

Amount: Scholarships to be awarded for:

- 1st place = \$1500
- 2nd Place = \$500
- 3rd Place = \$250

Deadline: 7/31/2026

Award Announcement: 8/30/2026

Eligibility: 18+, college students

Essay: IN YOUR OWN WORDS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 500-700 WORDS:

In today's Digital Age, individuals are increasingly turning to the internet to source and secure illegal drugs. From common social media platforms to encrypted apps and sites on the dark web, this activity is taking place across a wide number of channels. These interactions are extremely dangerous and could even turn deadly, especially when counterfeit pills sold online are laced with fatal doses of substances like fentanyl.

What kind of safeguards and best practices can we put into place to encourage people, especially young adults, to stay safe online? Is the effort solely on the shoulders of tech companies and law enforcement, or can schools and family units also play a role in curbing this activity?

How to Enter: Fill out an application at www.narcotics.com/scholarship/ (the “Contest Website”).

1. **Total Scholarships:** Three (3) scholarships (\$1000, \$500, and \$250) will be awarded upon contest conclusion. Deadline for entry is 7/31/2026. Awards will be announced on 8/30/2026. Participants must agree to these Terms of Use & Privacy Policy and complete the contest application to enter. No purchase is necessary. Narcotics.com may discontinue the scholarship contests at any time.

2. **Contest Duration:** The contest ends on 7/31/2026 (the “Deadline”). All applications and essays must be submitted prior to the Deadline to be considered for the contest. Once the Deadline has passed, no further entries for the contest will be accepted. Narcotics.com will announce the winners on 8/30/2026. Narcotics.com reserves the right to change any beginning or end dates of the Contest.

3. **Participant Eligibility:** The Contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, who are: (1) at least 18 years of age, and (2) enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university in the United States, (3) pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree in Behavioral Health; and (4) have a minimum 2.50 GPA.

Entries must be from individuals only; groups, organizations and multiple-party entries are not eligible. The Contest is governed by United States law and is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

4. **Entry and Essay:** To enter, fill out an application at <http://www.narcotics.com/scholarship/> (the “Contest Website”). Essay must be submitted with the application, which should include the author's name, address, phone number, email address, college (including the date of graduation), and student ID number. Using your own words, the essay shall consist of no more than 700 typewritten words and answer the following:

In today's Digital Age, individuals are increasingly turning to the internet to source and secure illegal drugs. From common social media platforms to encrypted apps and sites on the dark web, this activity is taking place across a wide number of channels. These interactions are extremely dangerous and could even turn deadly, especially when counterfeit pills sold online are laced with fatal doses of substances like fentanyl.

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companies and law enforcement, or can schools and family units also play a role in curbing this activity?

All entries must be typed, double-spaced, and saved as a Word Doc or PDF. Do not add pictures or graphics to essay Word Doc or PDF. Essays not meeting the word count requirement will be eliminated. The essay title or added footnotes do not contribute to the total word count. A contestant's teacher, counselor, or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar, and/or spelling, but the essay ***MUST BE*** the original work of the student making the submission. Contestants will be judged based on their essay alone.

Narcotics.com may verify the eligibility of each applicant; if an applicant is found to be ineligible to enter the contest, his or her entry will be considered invalid. Entrants must fill out all required portions of the entry form to be eligible for consideration. Limit one entry per person per contest; if an applicant enters more than one time, he or she will be disqualified from the competition. Narcotics.com reserves the right to verify an applicant's information, the originality of the essay, or any other facet of an applicant's entry if further investigation is deemed necessary. By entering, you agree to accept and be bound by these rules. Essays will not be returned to the author; they become property of Narcotics.com, and we may reprint the essays in relevant publications or marketing material. Appropriate citations will be given to the authors. Narcotics.com reserves the right to edit the contents of the entries prior to publication to ensure compliance with any applicable Federal regulations.

5. Claiming Your Award: The winner(s) will be notified by email and/or phone on 8/30/2026; failure to provide accurate contact information may result in disqualification; if unable to reach a winner within 72 hours, Narcotics.com may in its discretion award any scholarship to any other contestant. No guarantee of notification is made to applicants who do not win the Scholarship Contest.

6. Odds: Your chances of winning the scholarship competition depend on the number of entries, the quality of your essay, and how your essay is viewed by the panel of judges from Narcotics.com. **ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND ANY OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES, ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OR USE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER. AWARDS ARE PROVIDED WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND**, express or implied, without limitation. Except as determined by Narcotics.com in its sole discretion, no substitution of the scholarship shall be offered, and no transfer of the scholarship to a third party is permitted.

7. Conduct: By registering for this Contest, entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Narcotics.com and the judges that shall be final and binding in all respects. These Official

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10. Publicity Rights: By entering the Contest (except where prohibited by law), entrants' consent to the use of their names, pictures, biographical data, and/or any information contained in their entry in

advertising, promotion and marketing materials throughout the world, including on the Internet, by Narcotics.com, its promotional partners and third-party marketing entities, without additional compensation, notice, review, or approval. Nothing contained in these Official Rules obligates Narcotics.com to make use of any of the rights granted herein, and winner waives any right to inspect or approve any such use.

11. Disputes: Except where prohibited, as a condition of participating in this Contest, each entrant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the entrant and any Released Party, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, the prize awarded, or the determination of the winner must be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will an entrant be permitted or entitled to obtain an award for, and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than entrant's actual out-pocket expenses (if any), not to exceed ten dollars (\$10), and entrant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased. In the event of a dispute concerning the identity of a participant, the participant will be declared to be the authorized account holder of the e-mail address provided to Narcotics.com at the time of initial participation (i.e., application for the Contest), but only if that person meets all other eligibility criteria, otherwise the entry may be disqualified, and any potential prize won will be forfeited in Narcotics.com sole discretion. A participant is defined as the natural person who is assigned to an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization (e.g., business, educational institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. Potential winners may be required to provide Narcotics.com with proof that they are the authorized account holder of the applicable e-mail address. If a dispute cannot be resolved to Narcotics.com satisfaction, the entry and individual or individuals may be deemed ineligible in Narcotics.com sole discretion.

12. Winner's List: To receive a copy of the Winner's List, send an email to scholarships@rehabmedia.io and specify the name and date you submitted the application. All such requests must be received within 6 months of the contest end date.