Atticus Scholarship

Purpose:
Harper Lee's character, Atticus Finch, was not a character written to speak to a specific group of people at a specific time in history. Atticus is a timeless character as is his story because it speaks to the entire human race.

Atticus is a widower raising two children in a very segregated society. He is completely comfortable in his own skin and does not let his peers sway his views. He is driven and passionate about his work and he works for truth and justice in one of the hardest situations imaginable.

All along he teaches his children and his community the power behind being a positive member of society, no matter the situation. He knows the power of language, of human character, and compassion. He does not let others stand in the way of his goals.

The Atticus Scholarship has been established to continue the impact of Atticus Finch to the next generation of working adults.

Selection: The Atticus Scholarship Committee expects to offer a $500 annual scholarship, renewable for up to 4 years, to one senior graduating from Southwest Valley Community School District. The Atticus Scholarship is open to students enrolling in any accredited post-secondary education institution. This includes, but is not limited to universities, community colleges, and trade school programs.

Preference will be given to students
- Exhibiting excellence in personal character and integrity.
- Likely to have a strong, positive impact on society throughout the course of their lives.

Application Requirements:
1. A letter of application and resume.
   NOTE: Include contact information including Phone #, email, and mailing address.
2. Submit a copy of your most recent high school transcript, and a list of current classes.
3. Submit two letters of recommendation, one from a school faculty member, and one from a non-school faculty member.
4. Submit an essay. **Essay pointers:**

-Define the "Good Citizen"
-State your life/career goals, and the nature of your motivation for achieving them.
-Describe your plan to attain these goals, including any steps you have taken thus far.
-Describe why you want to be a part of the post-secondary education you have chosen.
-Discuss what you consider prominent aspects of your character, and evidence of such.
-Discuss how receiving this scholarship will impact your current life plan.

Application Materials must be received by the counselor's office no later than **April 7th**.

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