



City of  
**Alhambra**



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SERVICES

## 2023 SECOND ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Republic Services, Inc. is an industry leader in U.S. non-hazardous solid waste and recycling. Through its subsidiaries, Republic's collection companies, transfer stations, recycling centers and landfills focus on providing reliable environmental services and solutions for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. Republic and its employees believe in protecting the planet and applying common sense solution to customers' waste and recycling challenges.

Recognizing teamwork and education is essential to creating environmental change. Republic Services is working with the City of Alhambra to help High School students reach waste reducing goals within the City and become leaders in the five R's; Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. As part of the effort to make the five R's second nature to all City of Alhambra residents and Alhambra college-bound senior high school students, Republic Services is proud to announce the 2023 Second Annual Environmental Scholarship Program.

### Scholarship Program Overview

Republic Services will award five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to five (5) City of Alhambra Resident students for the 2023 Second Annual Environmental Scholarship Program. High School college-bound seniors living within the City of Alhambra are eligible and encouraged to write an essay (topics on page 3).

Republic Services believes that tomorrow's thinkers and innovators will solve and tackle pressing issues regarding the conservation of our environment. These future scholars and leaders have the potential to create greener living standards, an environmentally sound economy, and a measure of sustainability in all that they do. Republic Services hopes to inspire young people to express their environmental ideas and opinions through this project.

Please review the 2023 Second Annual Environmental Scholarship Program details outlined below and visit [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com), [www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov) or [www.cityofalhambra.org](http://www.cityofalhambra.org) to view environmental and recycling information and videos to help gain content for the essay.

This Scholarship program is a collaborative effort between the City of Alhambra and Republic Services. Entries will be reviewed by the City of Alhambra's Recycling Assistant, the City of Alhambra's Environmental Compliance Specialist, and Republic Service's Recycling Coordinators.

## 2023 Essay Writing Details

### Theme

- Environmental Stewardship.

### Deadline

- Entries must be submitted to: [recycle@cityofalhambra.org](mailto:recycle@cityofalhambra.org) by April 20, 2023.

### Eligibility

- The essay contest is open to all Alhambra resident high school and college-bound graduating seniors.
- Applicants must be a resident of the City of Alhambra.
- NO GPA requirements.

### Scholarship Award

- Five \$1,000 individual scholarship.

### Writing Guidelines

- Essays must be in English and be 400 to 500 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 12-point font. 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.

### Submission Guidelines

- Please submit only one essay per student.
- Send entries to [recycle@cityofalhambra.org](mailto:recycle@cityofalhambra.org).
- Please include your essay as an attached PDF document.
- Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, school name, and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.
- **Submissions that do not follow these guidelines may not be eligible.**

### Selection of Scholarship Recipients

- The City of Alhambra will evaluate all essays based upon creativity, demonstrated knowledge about environmental issues and a vision for the future.
- Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by the City of Alhambra and Republic Services.
- If selected, awardees must submit a W-9 to receive the scholarship.

**This program is not sponsored or managed by Alhambra Unified School District.**



## 2023 Essay Topics

(Students are challenged to answer ONE of the following questions):

- 1.) If your school didn't have a recycling program, how would you convince your fellow students to become active recyclers and reduce waste? What would your school recycling campaign look like?
  
- 2.) How do you separate your food waste for the green, organics container at home? For residents and businesses just getting started, what tips do you recommend for clean and efficient organics recycling and/or composting?
  
- 3.) Discuss and provide examples of the social and environmental benefits to following the 5 Rs. Why is it important to take action now?
  
- 4.) The concept of a circular economy is gaining wider recognition in the United States. Describe its principles in your own words and give an example of a program your high school can implement that follows it.
  
- 5.) In May 2020, 9.2 million Californians (23% of California's population) didn't have enough to eat. At the same time, 11.2 billion pounds of food are sent to landfills each year. How would you address this issue on a community scale? What would convince individuals and businesses to take action?