



North Dakota School Counselor Association

ESSAY CONTEST FORM 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2016)

Name of Student: Istvan Dudas
Mailing Address: 119 Maplewood
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Student Email Address: isti_rapid_giulesti@yahoo.com
School of student: North Sargent HS
Name of School Counselor: Marry Rottenberger
(School Counselor must be a member of NDSCA)
College you plan to attend: NDSCS

Parent's Signature: _____ 

Parent's signature is required to permit the use of their child's essay for publishing in local newspapers and/or North Dakota School Counseling publications. Also, parental permission allows the use of the essay for informing local patrons, school board members and legislators.

Award Amount: \$1,000

Please attach the following:

- An essay (500 words or less) describing your career plan and who/what helped you with your decision.
- 1 letter of recommendation

Essays will be scored according to:

- Technical merit (correct use of grammar, spelling, and punctuation)
- Specific supporting details
- Uniqueness of experience arriving at your career plan
- Impact of experience on student's life [person/people or event(s)]

Deadline:

- Applications must be postmarked by **December 24, 2015.**
- Send applications to: Julie Kaspari
Maple Valley High School
PO Box 168
Tower City, ND 58071

Essay Contest

My name is Istvan Dudas, my family and I came to the United States four years ago from Romania. To come to the United States was a dream come true. It took eleven years of waiting for us to be approved to come to this country. I can still vividly remember how long my family waited for this decision to be made by both countries. The goal of my parents was to come to the U.S and be able to give my sister and I a better life, opportunities and most importantly a better education. With my family always thinking of providing me and my sister with a better future, they are slowly started achieving it.

Four years ago we got approved to officially move to the U.S. We did not know the English language well. However, I took extra English classes in Romania and challenged myself to learn another language. It was a little different with my parents, because they only knew very little of English. It seems like it is in our family that we always strive and we work hard to achieve the things we want. Within a half a year we all learned to speak English close to fluently. With numerous amount of hurdles we had to jump over, we somehow always managed to over come them.

My parents have been a great influence on me and they still continue to be. I admire them for just taking a shot in the dark with moving our whole entire family into the unknown, I'm also inspired by them every day, because the way they have adapted to the American life and they have been able to provide me with the American Dream. Living the American dream is really something we never thought that would be possible to achieve, but with hard work and persistence everything is possible to achieve.

As a Senior right now at North Sargent H.S in Gwinner ND, I am planning on pursuing and expanding my knowledge at a college level also. With me being the first of my family to ever attend college, I am ecstatic to learn what this opportunity has to offer me. I am thankful and honored for the opportunity that the community and my parents were able to present to me.

At this moment I am thinking about attending to North Dakota State College of Science. At this college I am planning on pursuing a career in HVACR technology and later continuing my education further with getting a degree in plumbing and bussines. This is a career that I think that I will love doing, because it involves the use of my hands, while solving different problems and coming up with solutions to various situations. I am planning on working as a part time summer-help at a local HVACR facility called Triton Machinery.

I sincerely appreciate the committee's time in evaluating my application and giving me the opportunity to tell my story. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Adam Sola
Math Educator
North Sargent High School
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Letter of Recommendation for Istvan Dudas:

It is a pleasure to offer this letter of recommendation for Istvan Dudas. I have known Istvan for five years, as his math teacher, football coach, and National Honor Society Advisor. Istvan is a hardworking and mature young man. He has a strong character, willingness to help anyone, and a keen understanding of the adult world. Academically, he has challenged himself in his selection of courses, taking the most difficult core classes that are offered including college level Calculus and English classes.

Istvan is well liked by students and faculty alike. He is a pleasure to have in class and is capable of having a conversation with anyone. His work ethic and drive in the areas that he wants to succeed in is a characteristic that all people should strive for. His desire to become part of the National Honor Society and involvement in the society is a great example of his character. He has taken part in a variety of community service, school service, and extracurricular activities as well as hold a part time job. As long as I have known Istvan, he has been devoted to his family in a wide array of activities and scenarios. Whether it is helping his family at home, working on a community service project, or practicing on the football field, Istvan's character and dedication to the things that are important to him always shines through

Istvan is focused, task oriented, and self-motivated with any goal that he strives for. He is also kind, personable, helpful, and loyal. In his own way, he makes great contributions in all of his endeavors and will succeed in all things that he commits to. He will be an excellent example student for any college or program that he chooses to attend and represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Sola', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.