

2025 - 2026

City of Rosemead \$1,000 Scholarship Essay



Five City of Rosemead residents who are college-bound high school seniors could each win a \$1,000 scholarship! Essays are due by April 26, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Republic Services® is proud to announce the 2025-2026 Annual Essay Writing Scholarship Program. College-bound seniors can write and submit a thoughtful essay on one of the environmental topics specified on the back of this flyer.

Please submit only one essay per student. Send entries to: Cityofrosemead@RepublicServices.com. Include your essay in the body of the e-mail and as an attached PDF document. Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, high school name and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.



Sustainability in Action



2025-2026 Rosemead Scholarship Program



ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. The city of Rosemead has been participating in an organics recycling program since 2022 as an initiative for Senate Bill (SB) 1383. What are some of the changes and new programs you have seen take place around the city or some you may have participated in and learned from? Some examples include newsletters, compost giveaways and different forms of educational outreach. Discuss some new ideas you think would be helpful in spreading awareness about organics recycling.
2. Create a step-by-step guide for your grandparents on how to source-separate their waste into three streams: recycling, solid waste and organic waste. Explain the benefits of source-separation, and provide examples for each stream.
3. You just discovered that your school cafeteria is discarding large amounts of pre-packaged and unpackaged food. You decide to reach out to your principal to discuss concerns about all this food being thrown out. How can you bring awareness to your principal and create an initiative to educate the student body about the harm of throwing away food and what can be done as an alternative? Bring creative solutions, but also utilize programs you already know about in your community. Discuss how your solutions will positively impact your community and the environment.
4. Address at least two negative environmental impacts of methane gases, and how electric vehicles (EVs) and trucks that run on renewable natural gas (RNG) mitigate those dangers. Include information on how Republic Services uses RNG and electricity to meet the company's sustainability and environmental goals.
5. Explain the negative effects of not source-separating and instead sending all waste to landfills. How would this affect the environment and timeline of a landfill? Discuss how Republic Services is working to sustainably process organic and recyclable waste.

Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length (citations not included), typewritten and double-spaced in 11 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 student. Essays generated by artificial intelligence (AI) will be prohibited and rejected if submitted.

A panel of judges will evaluate all essays based on creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment and a vision for the future. Submissions will also be judged based on writing standards outlined in A Writer's Reference and required by most colleges and universities. Decisions by the judges are final.

- *Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by Republic Services.*