Avon Scholarship Essay Contest
$8,000 in College Scholarship Prizes

$2,000 First Place ♦ **$1,500** Second Place ♦ **$1,000** Third Place ♦ **$500** Honorable Mentions (7)

Why Film Matters to You

ELIGIBILITY Granted to High School Seniors graduating in Spring 2019 from a public or private school in Fairfield County, CT or Westchester County, NY. You do not need to be a film studies major to enter the contest. The Avon Scholarship Award check will be made out to the college or university you will be attending full-time in Fall 2019.

ESSAY APPLICATION Download at **www.avontheatre.org**

DEADLINE: **Monday, May 20, 2019**

ESSAY DETAILS In 500 - 750 words, discuss a film released in 2018 or 2019 that you believe has relevance. It may be a feature film or documentary, American or foreign. Please do not re-tell the story. The content of your response is more important than the length. Please include:
1) Why you think this particular film matters?
2) How has film impacted your life?

JUDGING The essays will each be read by at least two judges from a panel of professional journalists and published authors. The top finalists will be read by an additional pair of judges who will select the winners.

SPONSOR The Avon Scholarship Essay Contest is sponsored by the Avon Film Education Initiative, which promotes film literacy by supporting teacher and student attendance at the Avon and by granting scholarships to high school seniors. Through its diverse offerings of independent, foreign, documentary and historical films, the Avon is committed to instilling a life-long appreciation of the art and significance of film.

QUESTIONS? Contact Louisa Greene, Avon Director of Development & Marketing 203-661-0321 or **lgreene@avontheatre.org**

Awards Ceremony ♦ Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Avon Theatre
6:30PM Reception | 7:20PM Scholarship Awards Ceremony | 7:30PM Screening