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Avon Scholarship Awards Essay Contest \$7,000 in College Scholarship Prizes

\$2,000 First Place ♦ \$1,500 Second Place ♦ \$1,000 Third Place ♦ \$500 Honorable Mentions (5)

Why Film Matters

<u>ELIGIBILITY</u> Awarded to High School Seniors graduating in Spring 2021 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 2021.



ESSAY DETAILS In 500 - 750 words, discuss a film released in 2019, 2020 or 2021 that you believe has relevance. It may be a feature film, documentary, American or foreign film.

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?

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

<u>SPONSOR</u> The Avon Scholarship Essay Contest is sponsored by the Avon Film Education Initiative, which promotes film literacy. The Avon supports teacher and student attendance at the theatre 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.

DEADLINE Monday, May 24, 2021

<u>APPLICATION</u> Download at: <u>www.avontheatre.org/education/</u>

Or – email: Igreene1939@gmail.com

QUESTIONS Call 203-550-2697 - Louisa Greene, Avon Director of Development & Marketing

Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Avon! June 9, 2021 @ 7:00pm