

**Tropicana Evansville Project 21
2020 Poster/Essay/Video Scholarship Application**

1. Applicant's Name: _____
2. Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
3. Phone Number: (____) _____ Present Grade Level: _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. School Name: _____
6. School Address & Phone Number: _____ (____) _____
7. Please indicate whether you are submitting ___ Essay ___ Poster ___ Video
8. If you are submitting an Essay, please complete 8a and 8b below. Please send one copy of the school newspaper or other publication containing the essay.
8a. School Newspaper Name: _____ 8b. Date Essay Published: _____
9. If you are submitting a Poster, please note the Poster must be mounted on poster board and must be at least 22x28 inches in size. Please print your name and address on the back of your Poster.
Location and Date of Display: _____
10. If you are submitting a Video, it must be at least 60 seconds, but not more than 2 minutes long. Videos can be submitted in DVD format or the YouTube Link can be emailed to aschisler@tropevansville.com
11. Future Educational Plans & School Name: _____

Please note that this is a scholarship program. The \$2,000 scholarship will be made payable to the school of the student's choice. Student must be attending a school of higher education or will be attending a school of higher education. If a winning student has not yet chosen a school of higher education to attend, Tropicana Evansville will hold the \$2,000 (or the pro rata amount as the case may be) in escrow until notified in writing that the student is ready to attend a school. If you are presently attending a school of higher education, please identify the name and address of this school. If you will be attending a school of higher education and you have chosen your school, please identify the name and address of the school. All student submissions will become the property of Project 21 and will not be returned.

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Printed Name

Student's Social Security #

Student's Age and Birth date

Name of Student's School Advisor

If Student is less than 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign this Application.

Parent's Signature

Date

Parent's Printed Name

- **Please return Application (with published essay, poster or video) to: Tropicana Evansville, Attn: Amanda Schisler, 421 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville, IN 47708, by Friday, April 3, 2020**
- **Essays must be published in the school publication between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020.**
- **Posters must be displayed at the school for at least one week between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020.**
- **Videos/DVDs must be played before at least 50 students between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020.**

Please see Project 21's 2020 Scholarship Guidelines for the complete rules.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Project 21 is an awareness campaign aimed at informing the general public of the consequences associated with underage gambling. The goal of the Scholarship Program is to disseminate information to students concerning the issues of underage gambling. This is accomplished by encouraging students to: (Limit one entry, per student, per year.)

1. Write -- and publish in student newspapers and/or magazines -- informative essays addressing the consequences of underage gambling;
2. Create posters which are publicly displayed at the schools regarding underage gambling; and
3. Design Public Service Announcement videos/DVDs, not exceeding 2 minutes and at least 60 seconds, on the consequences of underage gambling.

Three \$2,000 Project 21 Scholarships will be awarded.

Scholarship Rules:

1. **Eligibility:** All students age 17-21 currently attending high school, vocational school or undergraduate college and residing in the counties listed below are eligible to participate in the Project 21 Scholarship program (except for those described in Rule 8 below).
 - a. **Indiana:** Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, Warrick, Pike, Spencer, and Knox.
 - b. **Kentucky:** Daviess and Henderson.If a Tropicana Evansville Team Member resides outside the above-named counties but has a relative that meets all other requirements, the Project 21 Executive Committee will assess the eligibility of the applicant on an individual basis.
2. **Essay/Poster/Video Requirements:** Any essay submitted must have been published in the newspaper, magazine or other publication of the applicant's school between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020. Any poster submitted must have been displayed in some public area of the applicant's school for at least one full week between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020. The Public Service Announcement video must be played between January 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020 and must be played before at least 50 students. The Project 21 Executive Committee retains discretion to allow students to publish their essays in publications other than the school newspaper or magazine if the school does not have a newspaper or if circumstances warrant publishing flexibility.
3. **Submission:** One copy of student newspapers, magazines or publications in which the essay appears must be submitted. The original poster, along with a brief letter signed by a school administrator certifying that the poster was displayed at the school for at least one week (with the dates of display) must accompany the poster submission. **Videos must be no longer than 2 minutes and at least 60 seconds**, must be played before at least 50 students, and must be accompanied by a brief letter from the school administrator certifying that the video has been so played. Limit one entry, per student, per year.
4. **Application:** A Project 21 Scholarship Application must accompany the essay, poster or video submission. Any student may obtain a Project 21 Scholarship Application from their Guidance Counselor, by emailing aschisler@tropevansville.com, by calling (812) 433-4059, or by writing Tropicana Evansville, Attn: Amanda Schisler, 421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, IN 47708. **All completed Applications must be returned along with the selected media entry to the address above on or before April 3, 2020.** The submission of an Application gives the Project 21 Executive Committee or any member thereof the right to use the student's name, photo, essay, poster or video in media announcements and other publications without compensation. The essay, poster or video becomes the property of Project 21.
5. **Standards:** Essays, posters and video will be reviewed and judged for originality, content, style, and educational value. Essays will also be judged for journalistic content. All essays, posters, and videos become the property of Project 21 and will not be returned except at the Project 21 Executive Committee's discretion. The focus of the theme of the student essay, poster, or video should be on the topic of deterring young people from engaging in underage gambling or on the social and/or legal ramifications of underage gambling (e.g., fines, penalties, criminal records, deterrence).
6. **Judging:** Final judging and the selection of the top three submissions will be determined by the Project 21 Executive Committee. All decisions made by the Project 21 Executive Committee will be final.
7. **Notice to Winners:** Notification to the author of the winning essay and the creators of the poster and video will be announced by **May 1, 2020**, via certified mail. The checks will be issued to the winner's college to help pay for their tuition unless Rule 11 applies.
8. **Ineligibility:** Although Tropicana Evansville employees over the age of 21 are not eligible to participate in the scholarship, their children or other relatives that meet all other eligibility requirements may apply. Relatives of Tropicana Evansville Senior Leadership Team, members of the Project 21 Executive Committee, or previous scholarship winners are ineligible. More than one entry per student, per year will result in disqualification of applicant.
9. **Scholarship Awards:** The student author and student artists of the winning submission will receive a \$2,000 Project 21 Scholarship in accordance with Rules 10 and 11 below.
10. **Joint Authorship:** If a winning essay, poster, or video is created by more than one student, then the students will all share equally in the \$2,000 Project 21 Scholarship. (For example, if one essay has two student authors, each will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship.)
11. **Scholarship Check Distribution:** The Project 21 Scholarship checks will be issued to the winner's college to help pay for their tuition. If a winning student has not yet chosen a school of higher education to attend, Tropicana Evansville will hold the \$2,000 (or the pro rata amount as the case may be) in escrow until notified in writing that the student is ready to attend a school. The proceeds will not be held for longer than four years. After four years, the proceeds will be donated to a charitable agency or used for a charitable purpose (including other Project 21 Scholarships) if the funds have not been disbursed by that time.