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The 2010 Gus Swanson Memorial Communications Scholarship Program

for High School Students

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

Applicants must give their considered, informed assessment of either a single advertisement or an integrated advertising campaign (a series of advertisements that spans more than one medium – e.g. print, digital and television). This assessment may take the form of a 3-7 page written essay, a short video, a PowerPoint presentation, or any other format, so long as it includes your analysis of the following, but is not limited to:

- What the product is
- The key fact being communicated by the advertising
- The product's competitive benefit
- Who the target market is
- Who the competition is
- How the product is distributed
- Any geographical or seasonal emphasis
- What the target audience is supposed to think or feel because of the advertisement
- Field-of-study analysis – relating your analysis to your current or future field of study (e.g. graphic design, copywriting, account service, media, etc.)

Regardless of the format you choose, please do not simply answer the bullet points above as if you were taking a test. We are much more interested in your thoughts and insights on the campaign than the campaign itself.

All entries, regardless of format, must be mailed, along with this completed application to the address listed below. Digital entries may be submitted in the form of a CD or DVD disc, memory card or portable hard drive. Be aware that submissions will not be returned and will remain the property of Swanson Russell.

Enclosed is a sample of a Creative Brief that is used in the agency to help answer the questions above. **Do not fill out the form.** You may, however, refer to it and use it as a guideline for your essay. The advertisement or advertising campaign can come from print, television and/or radio media. If possible, samples of the advertisements discussed in the essay should be included with the completed application.

***This standard application form must be turned in with the marketing strategy essay.**

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Gus Swanson Memorial Communications Scholarship a high school student must meet the following criteria:

- graduate from a Nebraska high school in the spring
- have a 3.25 cumulative grade point average or above
- be accepted at a Nebraska college or university with the intention of majoring in one of the following areas:
 - a) Advertising
 - b) Marketing
 - c) Communication Studies
 - d) Mass Communications (print or broadcast)
 - e) Public Relations
 - f) Journalism
 - g) Graphic Design/Desktop Publishing
 - h) Other, as determined appropriate by scholarship committee

Selection of scholarship winners and administration of the program will be handled by Swanson Russell. The winner will be notified by **May 3**, but monies will not be awarded until **August 26**. If, on August 27, the winner has chosen an out-of-state college or university, enters a non-qualifying program or decides they will not attend college, the runner-up will receive the award.

APPLICATION

This application must be completed and submitted by **April 15**, to:

**Gus Swanson Memorial Communications Scholarship
Swanson Russell
1222 P Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-1463**

A transcript and/or letter from your guidance counselor will be needed to confirm you meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

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