

# MISSION STREET PUZZLES SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

## What is this?

This scholarship is for students pursuing higher education who are interested in puzzles: solving puzzles, writing puzzles, and helping the puzzler community grow! The amount of this scholarship is \$2000.

## How do I apply?

1. Confirm that you fulfill the eligibility requirements listed below.
2. Fill out the attached form (pgs. 3-4).
3. Write a puzzle and solution walkthrough, according to the guidelines.
4. Send us an email at [scholarship@missionstreetpuzzles.com](mailto:scholarship@missionstreetpuzzles.com), with the completed form, puzzle, and solution write-up as attachments.

The due date is **Monday, May 18th, 2020** at 11:59pm PT. Winners will be announced in June.

## Am I eligible?

You are eligible to apply for this scholarship if:

- You will be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. or Canada for the 2020-2021 school year.
- You do not personally know any of the scholarship committee members.

## What are the puzzle guidelines?

- The answer to the puzzle should be a point of interest (restaurant, park, etc.) anywhere in the world that is meaningful to you
- The answer location should be a definitive word or series of words (i.e. not a GPS coordinate).
- The puzzle should be in the freestyle “puzzle hunt” genre. Try browsing some of the examples at <https://missionstreetpuzzles.com/puzzle-archives/>.
- If your puzzle has any interactive elements, they should not require the solver to download any special software beyond a standard web browser. Feel free to include web links in your puzzle document.

- The puzzle writeup and solution walkthrough should be in separate documents.
- The puzzle should be entirely your own creative work--no copying content from other puzzle authors, even with their permission.
- You agree to allow us (Mission Street Puzzles) to share your puzzle at our discretion. Of course, you still maintain creative rights to your work.

**What are the criteria for awarding this scholarship?**

The winner will be chosen according to the following criteria:

- 40% - Creativity and quality of puzzle
- 30% - Presentation of puzzle
- 20% - Narrative cohesiveness of puzzle
- 10% - Compelling explanation for why the answer location is meaningful

# MISSION STREET PUZZLES SCHOLARSHIP FORM

**First and Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current School (2019-2020):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Projected graduation year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School for 2020-2021 year, if known:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Puzzle Title:**

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**Puzzle Answer** (name of a place that is meaningful to you):

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**Why is this place meaningful to you? (2-3 sentences)**

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- I have reviewed the eligibility guidelines and confirm that I am eligible for this scholarship.
- I have attached my original puzzle and solution walkthrough alongside this form, and I certify that this content is entirely my own creative work.
- I give Mission Street Puzzles permission to distribute this puzzle at its discretion.