

# APPLICATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR 2017 STRAIGHT ROAD INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

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State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in any other Straight Road International Essay Contest before?  Yes  No

## Contestant Agreement:

*I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.*

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Parent or Guardian Permission:

*I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant Straight Road International my permission to use a picture of my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, for their public relations purposes.*

Website: <http://straightroadint.org/>

## Official Contest Rules and Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
2. Applicant must be a senior in high school or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior enrolled in an official undergraduate program of study for the fall 2017 semester.
3. Applicant must be currently enrolled in or attending an accredited school within the United States, or operated overseas by the U.S. government, for the fall 2017 semester.
4. Essay should be at least 700 words, in 12 pt. font, printed, single-sided pages of 8.5 x 11 inch white paper. Title and works cited are required, but are not to be included in word count.
5. Applicant must sign and date the Application and Release Form. (A parent or guardian signature is also required for all applicants under 18)
6. A passport photo of the applicant must accompany mailed entries. Scan and email this image or an appropriate one in jpeg format if you are emailing application.
7. Relatives of employees or directors of Straight Road International are not eligible.
8. Only one essay entry per student. (Choose one essay topic in either the health or finance category. Not both.)
9. If you would like proof that your essay has arrived, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your essay submission.
10. All mailed entries must be postmarked by no later than July 31, 2017 and sent to Straight Road International, P.O. Box 67, Lodi, NJ 07644.
11. Entries may also be submitted via e-mail to [support@straightroadint.org](mailto:support@straightroadint.org) and must be received by no later than July 31, 2017.
12. A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to each winner. Note that only one scholarship will be awarded in each category: 1) the Straight Road Finance Scholarship and 2) the Straight Road Health Scholarship. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the student's college or university, or to the student's undergraduate loans.
13. All submissions become the property of Straight Road International, and may be posted on its website for an indefinite period of time.
14. Follow submission instructions carefully to ensure your entry is accepted for consideration. Partial submissions, submissions that do not meet specified criteria, and submissions that do not include all material (essay, picture, signed Application and Release Form) will NOT be accepted.