2015-2016 Essay Writing Details and Topics:

Theme:
- An Environmental Partner You Can Count On

Deadline:
- Entries must be submitted to LAUSD@republicservices.com by March 18th, 2016

Eligibility:
- The essay contest is open to LAUSD college-bound graduating seniors.

Scholarship Awards:
- Eight $1,000 individual scholarships will be awarded to eight recipients, two from each physical Educational Service Center.

Writing Guidelines:
- Essays must be 400 to 500 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 12 point font. Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the contestants.

Submission Guidelines:
- Please submit only one essay per student.
- Send entries to LAUSD@republicservices.com.
- Please include your essay in the body of the e-mail and as an attached PDF document.
- Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, school name, and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:
- A panel of judges will evaluate all essays based upon creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment, and a vision for the future. Submissions will also be judged based upon writing standards set forth in A Writer's Reference and required by most colleges and universities. Decisions by the judges are final.
- Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by Republic Services.

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(Students are challenged to answer one of the following questions):

1) What would be the overall environmental impact if LAUSD students conscientiously recycled on all campuses? How could this goal be achieved?

2) How can current and future technology be used to conserve natural resources and help the environment?

3) What would you say and do to convince your fellow students to become active recyclers? What would your school recycling campaign look like?

4) What are the economic and environmental benefits of recycling? Discuss in detail.

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