

**Entries due April 15, 2025**

**Smyrna Education  
Foundation** 

**Smyrna Scholars Essay Competition**



**Debit Card vs. Credit Card  
Which card is better for students?**

The Smyrna Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with one very important goal:

To partner with the community to equally support Smyrna public schools through advocacy and funding.

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SMYRNA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## SMYRNA SCHOLARS ESSAY COMPETITION

The goal of the Smyrna Education Foundation Smyrna Scholars Essay Competition is to provide students attending Campbell Middle School, Griffin Middle School, Pearson Middle School, and Campbell High School the opportunity to showcase their writing abilities.

*The Smyrna Education Foundation is dedicated to promoting higher academic achievement in all public schools in Smyrna, Georgia's Campbell High School attendance zone. We strive to improve the perception of public education through advocacy, research, sponsorship, service, and support.*

This competition was created in 2022 to reflect our commitment to the Smyrna community and its students.

### **2025 PROMPT: Explain the benefits of debit cards and credit cards, then write a persuasive essay convincing a teenager to apply for one of them.**

1. Open to students attending Campbell Middle School, Griffin Middle School, Pearson Middle School, and Campbell High School in Smyrna, Georgia.
2. **All entries must be 1,000 words or less and submitted in .pdf format and sent electronically via email to [info@smyrnaeducationfoundation.org](mailto:info@smyrnaeducationfoundation.org) for consideration by April 15, 2025 at 5:00pm.**
3. Awards are based on clarity and merit of submitted essays, not financial need.
4. One (1) \$500, one (1) \$400, one (1) \$300 and one (1) \$250 award will be given to a student from Campbell High School.  
One (1) \$250 and one (1) \$100 award will be given to a student from Campbell Middle School.  
One (1) \$250 and one (1) \$100 award will be given to a student from Griffin Middle School.  
One (1) \$250 and one (1) \$100 award will be given to a student from Pearson Middle School.
5. Award funds are paid by the Smyrna Education Foundation directly to the student.
6. The ten (10) award recipients will be notified by the Smyrna Education Foundation on or before May 15, 2025.

*The Smyrna Education Foundation's Smyrna Scholars Essay Competition is fully funded thanks to the generosity of Smyrna Education Foundation Donors, SouthState Bank, Board Members, and Advisory Board members.*



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APPLICATION

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Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Counselor's/Homeroom Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Send your completed essay in .pdf format along with this application form to [info@smyrnaeducationfoundation.org](mailto:info@smyrnaeducationfoundation.org) no later than 5:00pm on April 15, 2025.**