



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
2016 Award For Outstanding Achievement In Citizenship
Student Nomination – Essay Instructions
Deadline: February 15, 2016. Late or incomplete submissions will not be
accepted.**

STUDENT ESSAY INFORMATION

PART 5 – Student Essay (to be completed by the student)
(20 points maximum)

Be sure to include your name and e-mail address on your essay.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Read the following instructions and complete your essay electronically via a word processing program (e.g. MS Word). Your essay should come as an attachment in the same e-mail as the nomination application or with the completed Parts 1-4 of a mailed application packet.

Write an thoughtful, 3-5 page essay which addresses the following prompt:

Apply your understanding of effective, quality citizenship to an exemplary individual.

Your essay will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Does the essay describe and analyze the concept of “effective, quality citizenship?”
2. Does the essay use accurate, concrete, developed examples?
3. Does the essay use those examples to support the analysis of “effective, quality citizenship”?
4. Does the essay communicate effectively using standard writing conventions?
5. Does the essay follow standard formatting: double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins

Note: You may use a historical or contemporary individual as your example or you may use someone from your personal background. However, be sure your essay reflects your ideas about “effective, quality citizenship”, and is not a simple biographical report.