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#### **(Neb.)-Students Encouraged To Enter National Essay-Writing Contest**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska is sponsoring an essay-writing contest for seventh- and eighth-graders to encourage participation in a state-sponsored college savings plan.

The 11th annual "Why I Want to Go to College" contest is open to students in Nebraska and across the country.

Judges will pick three winners from each of Nebraska's three congressional districts and three winners from out of state. First-place winners will receive a \$3,500 contribution to a Nebraska college savings plan and a one-night hotel stay in Omaha. Second-place winners will receive a \$1,000 contribution, and third-place winners will each receive a \$500 contribution.

Essays are due on April 5. The contest is organized by the State Treasurer's office and the Omaha Storm Chasers baseball team. More details are available on the Treasurer's website.

For more information, visit <http://www.treasurer.org/>.