



**THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF THE COUNTY OF KALKASKA**
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Kalkaska Economic Development Corporation (KEDC): 2021 Annual Scholarship

The KEDC supports and encourages economic development in our business community. Part of that mission is to encourage young people to pursue their educational and technical training goals beyond high school graduation. The KEDC has sponsored tuition awards to graduating seniors since 2018.

Essay Contest for Graduating High School Seniors:

Award: \$1,000 each will be awarded to 3 high school seniors from Kalkaska Public Schools and 2 high school seniors from Forest Area High School. The award is targeted for use toward tuition for post-secondary education or technical training.

Who is eligible to submit entries?

Kalkaska or Forest Area high school seniors who are enrolled or planning to enroll in higher education or post-secondary technical training classes after graduation in 2021 may submit essay entries of 500-1,000 words in response to the topic below. Entries will be evaluated by a sub-committee of the KEDC Board of Directors whose decisions will be final. A virtual interview may also be required to ascertain award winners.

Essay Challenge:

Your senior year of 2020-2021 has been distinguished by the worldwide pandemic. How has the pandemic response of your family, school and community impacted or changed your desire to continue your education or training after graduation from high school?

Entries will be submitted via email to David H. Simpson at simpsondavid66@gmail.com

Essay entries should be submitted by May 1, 2021

Awards will be determined by May 15th, 2021. Each school will be notified of scholarship award winners. KEDC representatives will be available to make in-person scholarship presentations if protocols allow. Photo opportunities will be conducted as protocols allow.

Signed,

Tim Ellis,
KEDC President
4.5.21