NEXUS SERVICES

APPLICATION ATTACHED - PLEASE DISTRIBUTE!

Memorandum – Scholarship Announcement

To: High School Guidance Counselors/Staff
From: Mike Donovan, President, Nexus Services Inc.
RE: 2018 Scholarship Contest

Nexus Services Inc. is excited to announce it's 2018 Scholarship Contest. This will be the fourth consecutive year of the Nexus Scholarship program, and the freshman class of scholarship winners are graduating from schools such as Eastern Mennonite, George Mason, and Fordham Universities.

The scholarship program offers three individual scholarship awards. One (1) Libre Scholarship winner will be chosen, and this recipient will receive a ***four year full ride scholarship***. The awards includes books, meal plan, and living stipend!

Two (2) Achiever Scholarship winners will be chosen, and these recipients will receive ***$10,000*** for their educational pursuits.

The contest is based on an application submission that includes an essay, and then a presentation (by finalists) in person before the Nexus Scholarship Committee. The deadline for submission is March 30, 2018, so students must act fast to submit their applications!

Thanks for your help in getting this information to your students! Please feel free to call with any questions, or email scholarships@librebynexus.com.

With warm regards,

Mike Donovan

Nexus Services Inc., through its affiliated company Libre by Nexus Inc., is a national leader in immigrant services, leading the country in securitization of immigration civil bonds.
Our companies have secured the release of tens of thousands of immigrant detainees, allowing those people to live at liberty in the United States, reunited with their families, as their immigration court cases continue toward resolution.
Our companies are honored to offer three separate scholarships to students from the Cities of Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, Staunton, or Waynesboro, and the Counties of Rockingham, Augusta, Albermarle, Page, Greene, or Shenandoah, who are graduating in the 2018 school year and who plan to begin full time college studies in the 2018-2019 academic year.

***The Libre Scholarship** is a full ride, tuition, books, and housing stipend included, which is renewable for four years pursuant to the scholarship agreement, which will mandate that the student continue to obtain a GPA of at least 3.0, and remain in academic good standing.*

***The Nexus Achiever Scholarships** are applied to the first year only, and are paid at a flat amount of $10,000.*

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Graduate by August 2018.
2. Have GPA of 2.5 or above.
3. Describe financial need.
4. Complete application form and essay.
5. Confirm admission to university or college prior to August 2018.
6. Furnish official copies of high school transcript and ACT or SAT results (or letter from guidance counselor, on school letterhead, confirming results.
7. Furnish 2 letters of recommendation (at least one from a school representative; also suggest clergy, community and/or civic representative).

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET, OR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

DEADLINE - APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: March 30, 2018

Applications also available on our web site: ***www.nexusgives.com***

The Libre Scholarship winner will receive **full tuition, books, and a living stipend**. This scholarship is renewable for four years, so long as the scholarship winner meets the following requirements:

Minimum college GPA of 3.0 average

Agreement to work, in a paid intern position, for Nexus Services each summer before renewing the scholarship.

The Nexus Scholarship winners will receive **$10,000 to cover tuition and any books or living stipend costs** that may be covered by the award.

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FULL NAME: _____

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ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Your application will be evaluated to insure you meet minimum standards for the scholarship. If you meet the minimum standards indicated above, your application for the scholarship will be based on your essay.

Your essay topic is:

***MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN*– In 2016 President Donald Trump was elected on a campaign theme that, in part, promised to "Make America Great Again". This campaign slogan means many different things to different people… some good things, some bad. This essay topic encourages you to determine what "Make America Great Again" means to you. The topic is rather open, and you are free to make any argument, take any political position, and use any reference points to justify your conclusions. Your essay will be considered based on the effectiveness of your argument, not on what political position you argue.**

YOUR ESSAY: SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN" MEANS TO YOU.

Your essay should be typed, Times New Roman 12, double spaced, 3 full pages.

Your essay and application packet are due by March 30, 2018.

Your application and essay will be reviewed by our scholarship committee, and finalists will be announced by April 2, 2018.

Finalists will be required to appear in person before the scholarship committee in Verona, at the Nexus Services offices, sometime between April 4th through 7th, 2018. At such time finalists will be required to verbally present, on a provided topic, to the scholarship committee. Scholarship winners will be announced by April 10, 2018.

Libre Scholarship / Nexus Scholarship

Personal:

Complete this application in full! Email: scholarships@librebynexus.com

Name:			
Address:		Cell Phone:	
City/State/Zip:		Home Phone:	
E-Mail Address:			
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth (State):	
Employer - Position/Hours-Per-Week:			

Education:

High School: Graduation Date:

Overall/Cumulative Grade Point Average (minimum 2.5): Based on a GPA system of:

Indicate "Academic" NOT "weighted" GPA

ACT and/or SAT score: ACT: SAT: MEAP Test: Yes No

Major area(s) of study:

Extracurricular Activities (school, clubs, athletics). Indicate position(s), club(s) and/or athletics you participated in. Be sure to distinguish year (9-12) and approximate hours you participated when you list the club/organization.

Activity	Years Participated	Hours/Week	Brief Description

University/college(s) to which you have been accepted for admission:

University you plan to attend:

Verification:

Signature and E-mail of Counselor verifying accuracy of above information.

Signature: Name (print):

Phone:

E-Mail address:

Education Plans

Educational Goals:	
College Major:	
College Minor:	
Career/Profession:	

Activities / Awards:

Community Service/Volunteer Activities (church, home, etc.). Indicate community organizations you actively participated in during each grade year. Also, indicate hours of volunteer service for each activity. Note that these can be school related, but should not duplicate any responses you made in any previous section of the application.

Organization	Years Participated	Hours/Week	Brief Description

Honors and Awards. Tell us about the honors you received. Indicate whether they were on a local (school, county, or district), state or national level. These awards may be outside of school activities, but should not be duplicated in any other area of the application.

Family (failure to fully disclose will disqualify you):

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):			
Address:		Home Phone:	
City/State/Zip:		E-Mail:	

List each Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment, Occupation, Job Title:

Name	Place of Employment	Occupation	Job Title

Number of Brothers/Sisters: ____ List Ages: ____

Financial (failure to fully disclose will disqualify you):

Provide Family/Household Income (verification of income may be required):

☐ Below $20,000	☐ $20,000 - $40,000	☐ $40,000 - $60,000	☐ $60,000 - $80,000
☐ $80,000 - $100,000	☐ $100,000 - $120,000	☐ $120,000 - $140,000	☐ Over $140,000

Financial (continued)

How much have you saved for college: $ _____

How much have others (parents, grandparents, etc.) saved for your education: $ _____

Describe your financial need for a scholarship (important – be very specific):

Other scholarships you have applied for:

Other scholarships/grants you have already been awarded (name, amount and period of time covered):

If granted this award, how do you plan to pay for the rest of your educational costs (Nexus scholarship)?

Essay:

The essay portion of this application is the most important section. Winners will be chosen based upon their written essay, and the finalists delivery/Presentation (verbally) to the scholarship committee.

Signatures:

Applicant:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian		Date:	

In addition to a completed application form, the following items must be included before your application can be considered (**check boxes below to indicate items are included**):

- ☐ Two (2) Recommendation Letters (one must be from school staff member)
- ☐ High School Transcript (official copy or letter from Guidance Counselor on Letterhead)
- ☐ ACT or SAT Test Results (official copy, or as part of high school transcript or from Guidance Office)
- ☐ ESSAY – Three (3) Pages, Times New Roman 12, double spaced, regarding Essay Topic detailed above.

EMail **COMPLETE** package only, **by midnight on March 30, 2018**, to: scholarships@librebynexus.com
OR: Turn completed application packet into our corporate office at: 113 Mill Place Pkwy, Suite 103, Verona, VA 24482.
OR: If acceptable to your Guidance Counselor, turn completed packet into your school's guidance office. Your Guidance Counselor must email the packet to us by the deadline, midnight, March 30, 2018.

Please include your recommendation letters, transcript, and test results with your essay. You can scan or copy your results confirmation, letters, and transcript. It is not necessary to have an official transcript sent from the school, however the information must be contained in your submission packet.

Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered! MUST BE TYPED Finalists will be contacted by April 2, 2018, to schedule their presentations to the Scholarship committee.

Winners (after Finalist's presentations) will be contacted directly on April 10, 2018. Good Luck!