



International Relations Council

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2017 Eliot S. Berkley Award Applications Due Friday, October 20

Each year, in memory of our founder and longtime executive director, Eliot S. Berkley, the International Relations Council presents this award to an exceptional high-school junior or senior who has demonstrated superior academic interest and competence in international studies. **The award includes a \$500 scholarship.**

Who Can Apply?

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors at Kansas City-area high schools

How to Apply

Your application should include an informational form, an essay of 1,000 to 1,200 words, and two letters of recommendation. Materials must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017.

- The informational form is available online at www.irckc.org and can be submitted anytime.
- The essay should be between 1,000 and 1,200 words, with sources appropriately cited, on the following topic: *The Global Policy Forum has noted, "Unprecedented changes in communications, transportation, and computer technology have given the process new impetus and made the world more interdependent than ever." Yet recent elections in the U.S., the United Kingdom, and other countries seem to go against the concept of globalization. Outline the arguments both for and against embracing globalization. Do you agree or disagree with these views? Explain why.* Send your essay to mhughes@irckc.org with the subject, "Berkley Award."
- Your two letters of recommendation should come from individuals not related to you and demonstrate your superior academic interest and competence in international studies. They should be e-mailed as a PDF to mhughes@irckc.org with the subject, "Berkley Award Recommendation: [Applicant's Name]."

To help us save paper, we ask that no hard copies of materials be submitted.

What Happens if You Win?

The awardee will be notified by Tuesday, October 31, and invited to attend the IRC's Global Honors Evening on Thursday, November 9.

Any Questions?

Feel free to contact Matthew Hughes with any questions at mhughes@irckc.org or 816-423-2632.

About the IRC

The International Relations Council works in partnership with businesses, universities, community organizations, and K-12 schools to bring a global perspective to our community. We bring world leaders and dignitaries to the metro region, host forums for high-school students to interact with and learn from foreign-policy experts, and create opportunities for area business leaders to strengthen relationships abroad. Learn more at www.irckc.org.

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