



International Relations Council

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2018 Eliot S. Berkley Award

Applications Due Friday, October 12

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

Complete applications include three parts: an informational form, an essay of 1,000 to 1,200 words, and two letters of recommendation. Only complete applications will be considered.

1. The informational form is available online at www.irckc.org and can be submitted anytime.
2. The essay should be between 1,000 and 1,200 words, with sources appropriately cited, on the following topic: *The Syrian civil war and the persecution of the Rohingya people in Myanmar are only some of the latest events to draw the world's attention to a growing global refugee crisis. Indeed, the United Nations has recently reported that more than 25 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their home countries due to political and social unrest. Despite the magnitude of this problem, lasting solutions to refugee crises have proven elusive. What role should the United States play in helping address the plight of refugees worldwide?* Send your essay to mhughes@irckc.org with the subject, "Berkley Award."
3. 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 emailed 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.

Deadline and Notification

Materials must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018. The awardee will be notified by Monday, October 22, and invited to attend the IRC's Global Honors Evening on Thursday, November 1.

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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