

# Win a College Scholarship!

**Barnum Financial Group,** An Office of MetLife



Presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Statewide Essay Contest "What the American Dream Means to Me"

**6-9 years old (age at time of entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$1000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$500.00

**10-14 years old (age at time of entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$2500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$1000

**Win a contribution towards your college savings plan!**

Please see attached contest rules for complete details.

**Entries Accepted Feb 1st - May 1st**

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## **“What the American Dream Means to Me” Essay Contest - Official Rules and Regulations:**

**1. Eligibility. No purchase necessary to enter or win.** Contest is open to all Connecticut residents between six (6) and fourteen (14) years of age at the time of entry. MetLife employees, any, immediate family members of employees and/or those residing in the same household of each of the previous winners are not eligible to enter or to win.

**2. How to Enter.** From 12:00 AM February 1, 2009 through 11:59 PM May 1, 2009 (“Entry Period”), eligible persons may send essays to: ‘**American Dream**’ **Essay Contest**, Barnum Financial Group, P.O. Box 2455; Shelton, Ct. 06484. Entries must include the entrant’s NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE NUMBER, and DATE OF BIRTH. Entries must be written in English, be legible, and must not exceed five hundred (500) words. Any plagiarism and/or failure to properly identify non-original material by an entrant will result in such entrant’s disqualification. Entries containing quotations or copyrighted materials which are not properly identified as such will also be disqualified. All entrants who are under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of entry must have the permission of at least one parent or legal guardian to enter. Prizes awarded to entrants under the age of eighteen (18), must be accepted by the entrant’s parent or legal guardian. Limit one essay per entry and one entry per person. All entries become the sole property of the Sponsor, will not be acknowledged or returned, and may be used by the Sponsor in any manner in perpetuity without compensation. Entrant is responsible for any on-line charges incurred by Internet service provider.

**3. Prizes:** Four (4) winners will each receive a cash deposit into a 529 plan account of the winner’s choice or similar college savings vehicle, subject to certain restrictions including account limitations and availability. The total value of all prizes is \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars). All prizes are non-transferable, non-exchangeable, and have no cash equivalent. Winners are responsible for ongoing account maintenance, annual fees, commissions, charges, ongoing account contributions and similar obligations. Any taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

**6-9 years old (age at time of entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$1000.00 (One thousand dollars)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars)

**10-14 years old (age at time of entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$2500.00 (Two thousand five hundred dollars)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$1000.00 (One thousand dollars)

**4. Selection of Winners:** Winners will be selected from all eligible entries by a panel of independent judges chosen by WTNH News Channel 8 based equally upon the following criteria: originality, creativity, structure/grammar, and relevance to the topic. The decisions of the judges will be final and binding. The odds of winning will depend on the total number of eligible entries received during the Entry Period.

**5. Notification of Prize Winners and Prize Acceptance:** Prize winners will be contacted by Barnum Financial Group by mail or telephone on or about June 1, 2009. Prize winners will be obligated to sign and return an indemnification release prior to receiving prize and must do so within fourteen calendar days (14) or else winner will be deemed to have declined prize and prize will be awarded to an alternate winner. By accepting a prize, each winner consents to the use of his/her name and likeness for publicity purposes without additional compensation except where prohibited by law.

**6. Limitation of Liability.** Barnum Financial Group and MetLife assumes no responsibility for problems or technical malfunctions of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software failure of any e-mail entry to be received by Barnum because of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, as well as lost, misdirected, illegible or late entries or mail. Barnum Financial Group and MetLife are not responsible and disclaims any liability related to the prize’s future performance.

**7. Miscellaneous.** This contest will be governed by Connecticut law. Sponsor reserves the right to amend or change at any time any rule or regulation during the Entry Period and will announce these amended changes on the Barnum Financial Group website, [www.barnumfinancialgroup.com](http://www.barnumfinancialgroup.com) or other similar means. For a list of winners, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: **Barnum Financial Group, P.O. Box 2455; Shelton, CT. 06484 and indicate that you are inquiring about the ‘What the American Dream Means to Me’ Essay Contest.**

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