

# The 2019 Journalism Contest

## “America’s Workforce: Empowering All”

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# **2019 Journalism Contest topic: “America’s Workforce: Empowering All”**

The winner of the 2019 Journalism Contest receives a four-year scholarship to the South Carolina state-supported institution of his or her choice provided, of course, that the winner is otherwise qualified.

The scholarship pays for undergraduate tuition and fees. Each institution has its own definition of tuition and fees.

The winner must be able to verify financial need to the chosen state-supported institution, which typically requires completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Colleges and universities recommend that students in financial need complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of the year they will enroll to establish eligibility for student aid. This may require providing income tax return information. The FAFSA is available at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

The scholarship may be canceled if the recipient does not maintain general scholastic and conduct standards established by the institution.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the contest, you:

- must be a South Carolinian 16 to 19 years old;
- must not have entered a post-secondary school before March 1, 2019; and
- must be a high school senior, or otherwise qualified to begin post-secondary education no later than the 2019–2020 school year.

You do not have to have a disability to enter.

## **How, where and when to enter**

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 2, 2019. Send your article to Mark Wade, Assistant Commissioner, SCVRD, 1410 Boston Avenue, P.O. Box 15, West Columbia, SC 29171-0015.












## **Judging**

The contest is judged by a panel of professional journalists.

## **For more information**

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department at (803) 896-6503, or visit [journalism.scvrd.net](http://journalism.scvrd.net).

## Rules

-  Your article must address the theme: **“America’s Workforce: Empowering All.”** It should show how a workforce that empowers everyone, *including people with disabilities*, is beneficial not only to talented job seekers but to employers and our economy.
-  Your article should not exceed three pages. Documentation of quotes or works cited may be on a fourth page.
-  Use correct grammar and sentence structure.
-  Report about people with disabilities in language that focuses on their dignity, equality, individuality and ability. Choose words that carry nonjudgmental connotations. Avoid using “victim,” “cripple,” “handicapped,” or “wheelchair-bound.” Emphasize the uniqueness and worth of the whole individual by writing “a person who has a disability” or “a person who is deaf” rather than “a disabled person” or “a deaf person.”
-  Research disability issues and *interview people with disabilities*. Resources can include your library, the Internet and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities. Your local S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department office provides services that prepare and assist eligible citizens with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.
-  Attribute all quotes, either within the body of the article or in footnotes.
-  Type your article on white 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. Double space. Font size should be no smaller than 11-point.
-  Include a **separate cover sheet** with your name, age, grade, home address, telephone number and email address. Also include your school name, school address, school telephone number and principal’s name.
-  Have your principal, teacher or sponsoring organization’s representative **sign** the cover sheet and indicate his or her title.
-  Have any individual you interview **sign** the cover sheet.
-  On the cover sheet, include this statement with **your signature**:  
**“I hereby confirm that the enclosed article submitted to the 2019 Journalism Contest is my own work. I wrote the article and conducted the research and any interviews (unless otherwise cited) used in the article.”**

# S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department Locations

## **Aiken**

855 York St. N.E.  
Aiken, SC 29801  
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800-861-9410 (Toll free)

## **Anderson**

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Anderson, SC 29625  
864-224-6391 (Office/TDD)

## **Beaufort**

747 Robert Smalls Parkway  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
843-522-1010 (Office/TDD)

## **Bennettsville**

1029 SC-9  
Bennettsville, SC 29512  
843-479-8318 (Office/TDD)  
800-849-4878 (Toll free)

## **Camden**

15 Battleship Road Ext.  
Camden, SC 29020  
803-432-1068 (Office/TDD)  
866-206-5280 (Toll free)

## **Clinton**

22861 Highway 76 E  
Clinton, SC 29325  
864-984-6563 (Office/TTY)  
866-443-0103 (Toll free)

## **Columbia (main office)**

516 Percival Rd  
Columbia, SC 29206  
803-782-4239 (Office/TDD)  
866-206-5280 (Toll free)

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1430-A Confederate Ave.  
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201 Corporate Park Blvd  
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803-691-8284 (Office)

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Conway, SC 29527  
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## **Florence**

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## **Gaffney**

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2954 S. Live Oak Drive  
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4360 Dorchester Road  
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1020 Heckle Blvd.  
Rock Hill, SC 29732  
803-327-7106 (Office/TDD)

## **Seneca**

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866-313-0082 (Toll free)

## **Spartanburg**

353 S. Church Street  
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866-451-1480 (Toll free)

## **Sumter**

1760 North Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29153  
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## **Walterboro**

919 Thunderbolt Drive  
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## **West Columbia**

1330 Boston Ave.  
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