

# Enter the **A Promise to Persevere** Scholarship Contest

**For your chance to win upto \$10,000 in scholarship to the college of your dreams**

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Entries must be received by March 2, 2008.

## **OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE “A Promise to Persevere Scholarship Contest”**

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open in the continental U.S. to students in grades 12 (high school seniors) and community college students?

Amount: **Up to \$5,000** per semester (amount is contingent upon the financial need base of each respective student.)

### **How to Enter:**

To Enter the **A Promise to Persevere Scholarship Contest** each contestant must submit an essay consisting of no less than 1,000 words and no more than 1,500 words stating the personal experiences in overcoming adversity (or their “promise to persevere”) in order to reach their goals. The Beating the Odds Scholarship Fund was established by Michael Miller to acknowledge high school students and adult learners who have overcome obstacles, beat the odds, or has had a life changing experience that has changed their life. The Scholarship fund provides financial assistance to students from the Maryland/D.C. Metropolitan communities who are beginning their matriculation or are making substantial progress in achieving their college education. Please type your essay (no handwritten essays allowed) and send it, along with your name, address, telephone number, the name of the school you currently attend, your grade level, school address, and school phone number to:

Empowerment Press Publishing Company  
P.O. Box 794, Ellicott City, MD. 21041

Attn: **A Promise to Persevere Scholarship Contest.**

To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by May 2, 2008.

### **Essay Topic:** Can a Rose Grow out of Concrete?

Entries are void if they are in whole or in part illegible, incomplete or damaged. No responsibility is assumed for late, lost, damaged, postage due or misdirected mail entries.

All entries become the sole property of Empowerment Press Publishing Company and will not be returned. By entering, contestants agree to abide by these rules, and represent and warrant that their entries are their original works, do not violate the rights of any third party, and grant to Sponsor the right to edit, publish, promote and otherwise use of their entries and essays without further permission, notice or compensation. Moreover, this is a non-fiction contest and the events described in the essay must be true and must reflect the actual events of entrant's own life.

### **Judging:**

On or about June 15, 2008, all eligible entries received will be judged by an independent, qualified panel of judges selected by Sponsors.

Entries will be judged based upon content (75%) and writing (25%). The decisions of the judges and Sponsor with respect to the selection of the winners, and in regard to all matters relating to this Contest, shall be final.

Winners will be notified by the telephone and mail.

## **Prizes:**

**GRAND PRIZE:** The grand prize winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards an accredited 2-year or 4-year college/university or vocational school of the winner's choice, a 30-minute conference call/life coaching session call from Michael Miller and one signed copy of **A Promise to Persevere**. (Approximate Retail Value ("ARV")= \$1,500)

**FIRST PRIZE:** Two first prize winners will each receive \$250 scholarship towards an accredited 2-year or 4-year college/university or vocational school of the winner's choice, plus a signed copy of **A Promise to Persevere**. (ARV per winner = \$316)

Winning essays may be posted on the Empowerment Press Publishing Company's website upon permission of winners.

Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. In the event that there is an insufficient number of qualified entries Sponsor reserves the right not to award the prizes.

## **Eligibility:**

This contest is open in the continental U.S. to students in grades twelve who are legal U.S. residents and community college students. Void where prohibited by law. Students must also be experiencing financial hardship.

## **General:**

Employees and their immediate family members living in the same household, of Sponsor, their parents, subsidiaries or affiliated companies, or the agencies of any of them are not eligible for this Contest.

No cash substitution, transfers or assignments of prizes allowed. In event of unavailability, Sponsor may substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

Scholarship money will be paid directly to the Grand prize and first place winner's college/university or vocational school of choice. All winners must provide official documentation of their acceptance from the college/university/vocational school before any prize money can be awarded.

All expenses, including taxes, (if any) on receipt and use of prizes are the sole responsibility of the winners.

Winners, and/or their parents or legal guardians, will be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility and release, including copyright assignment for their essays, which must be returned within fourteen days (14) of notification or another winner will be selected.

By accepting the prize the winners grant to Sponsor the right to use their names, likenesses, hometowns, biographical information and essays in advertising and promotional materials, including posting on Sponsor's websites, without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law.

By accepting the prize, winners, and/or their parents or legal guardians, release Sponsor, subsidiaries, affiliates, parent companies and Empowerment Press Publishing Company, from any liability, injuries, damages, cost or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in relation to participation in this Contest or the acceptance, use or misuse of the prize.

Any dispute arising from this Contest will be determined according to the laws of the State of Maryland, without reference to its conflict of law principles, and the entrants consent to the personal jurisdiction of the State and Federal Courts located in the State of Maryland and agree that such courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all such disputes.

## **Sponsor:**

Author: Michael Miller

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Author: Michael Miller, Foreword by Dr. Ben Carson, *New York Times Best Selling Author & Chief Neurosurgeon*