

Class of 2024

Dear Guidance Professional:

As we approach the final months of the 2023-2024 school year, I Found Light Against All Odds, a local non-profit organization, is set to award scholarships to at risk youth.

We are reaching out to Western Massachusetts school districts in search of candidates that have been accepted to an accredited college, technical school or certification program and who would be recommended for one of our \$500 scholarships. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants will need to write a 1,000-word essay that shows how they found light after darkness through their journey in high school. In detail, they should explain how the darkness began and how they found light in education. Please have the student email their essay to: lombardilisa@ifoundlight.com along with the attached informational form. The deadline for submission is April 19, 2024.

The recipients of these awards will be notified the first week of May and will be invited to attend an Awards Celebration at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. (Date and time to be announced).

We appreciate any feedback you may have, and we look forward to hearing from the students!

"Our youth don't care what we know until they know we care"

Thank you for your assistance,

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Personal Information: (PLEASE PRINT)			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Email Address:	Phone Number:		
High School:		GPA:	
Honors or Special Recognition:			
Extra-Curricular Activities:			
Work Experience:	······································		
College you are planning to attend:			
Intended Major:		:	
Have you been accepted: YES		NO	

Please return this application and your essay via email to: lombardilisa@ifoundlight.com by April 19, 2024

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