**INDIANA WOMEN’S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC**

In conjunction with

THE CONNI RICHARDS YOUTH FUND

PRESENTS THE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR INDIANA 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

**Essay Title: “What does success mean to me?”**

**Who:**  Indiana 8th Grade Students

**When:** Program begins October 1, 2025 thru December 1, 2025.

 Completed essays and Entry Forms must be postmarked by December 1, 2025.

**What:** Each participant is asked to submit an essay, which must be an original composition

 relating directly to the topic, **“What does success mean to me?”**

* May be typed (double spaced) or legibly hand-written; one side of paper only
* May be stapled once but no folders or paper clips
* Writer’s name may not appear in the body of the essay
* No fewer than 300 words or more than 450 words
* This form must accompany the essay with the appropriate signatures

**How:** Mail essay and completed form, **postmarked by December 1, 2025**. To:

 Essay Contest, Indiana Women’s Education Foundation, PO Box 134, Knightstown, IN 46148

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Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_E-mail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Name/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Participation** upon receipt of an essay. One essay will be chosen from each of INFBPW’s 3 districts. Each of the winners and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher will be invited to attend and present his/her essay at the District’s Spring Meeting which is usually in March. These same winners will be invited to attend the luncheon on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the INFBPW State Convention in Edinburgh, IN.**

* Each District winner will receive a Certificate and a $50 Cash Award.
* The 1st place State Winner will be announced at the State Convention. The State Winner will read their essay and receive an engraved plaque and a $100 Cash award.

The Indiana Women’s Education Foundation, Inc., founded in 1991, provides financial and scholarship assistance and strives to improve employment opportunity, career development, and economic self-sufficiency for women and/or youth in the State of Indiana. The Indiana Women’s Education Foundation Inc., is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

*I authorize INFBPW/IWEF to post any pictures taken at conference/convention to our website and all Social Media Platforms to promote the organizations.*

Signature grants permission for the District winners’ names, hometowns, and essays to be posted on the Indiana Women’s Education Foundation website: [www.inwomeneducation.org](http://www.inwomeneducation.org)

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Student’s Signature Parent/Guardian’s Signature Rev. 07/2025