



Nelson Mandela



Harlem Link
Charter School

College Scholarship Essay Contest

Harlem Link alumni in classes HL13, HL12, HL11, and HL10 have the opportunity to earn up to \$8,000 in scholarships through Harlem Link's fourth annual college scholarship essay contest. Scholarships are as follows:

- First place prize is \$5,000
- Second place prize is \$2,000
- Third place prize is \$500
- Fourth place prize is \$500

Essay must address the following writing prompt regarding the book *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela.

At Harlem Link's 2013 graduation, Richard Stengel spoke about encountering his friend Nelson Mandela's courage during a near-death experience on an airplane, exemplifying Mandela's statement, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Do you feel you are brave? What is a fear you have struggled with and the potential impact of facing it? Your answer should reference similar moments where Mandela wrestled with and triumphed over fear, citing the text.

How to enter: Submit essay entries to alumni@harlemlink.org by **August 30, 2019** at 5 pm. Entries should be double spaced using 12 point font and a maximum of 1200 words. Save the document with your first name and last name and essay title. The subject line should read, "HL Alumni Essay Contest: Long Walk to Freedom." Winners will be announced Fall 2019. Previous contest winners may not apply.

If you have any questions about the contest, need a copy of the book, or help getting started, please contact Marianne Van Auken at alumni@harlemlink.org.

