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My PLAN for the Future Contest **Prepare for Life, Act Now**

Attention Mesquite Independent School District Students!

The nonprofit National American University Foundation is pleased to offer the “My PLAN for the Future Contest” to middle school students in the Mesquite Independent School District.

This contest challenges middle school students to consider their future goals and develop a plan to support their goals.

The selected student will receive \$250. Four students will receive honorable mention and \$50 each.

Only students who attend Mesquite public middle schools (grades 6 through 8) are eligible to apply.

Application requirements for the My PLAN for the Future Contest are --

1. A completed application, attached; and
2. An essay, no more than 1000 words, typed or handwritten, that addresses –
 - a. **Your Goals:** Where do you see yourself in 2030? What is the job, industry, career, or other activity that you plan to pursue?; **and**
 - b. **Your Middle School and High School Plan:** How do you plan to achieve your goals while in middle and high school? Examples may include, but need not be limited to, the classes you plan to take and any work, volunteer, or leadership experiences you will pursue; **and**
 - c. **Your Post High School Plan:** Once you graduate from high school, what must you do next to accomplish your goal? College, military, job, humanitarian work, volunteering, apprenticeship, or other?

Applications and essays will be judged on neatness, grammar and how well the essay addresses your future goals and plans. In addition, we *may* also consider your –

1. Community service;
2. Participation in extracurricular activities (at school or out of school);
3. Leadership experiences; and/or
4. Work or training experiences.

The application and essay, must be **received** no later than Friday, November 30, 2018 and are to be submitted to foundation@national.edu, by fax to 605-721-5241, or by mail to:

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