**Rend Lake College Academic Award Application-History Fall 2017 Term**

The History Department at Rend Lake College is offering students residing within the Rend Lake College district the opportunity to earn an academic award worth $1560 for the Fall 2017 term. The award is a one-semester award for full-time, degree-seeking students. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and a letter recommendation from a high school guidance counselor or Rend Lake College faculty member in the Liberal Arts Division in order to be eligible to apply. Applicants can be traditional, non-traditional, or transfer students, focusing on the area of study the award is earned from. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA and full-time status while enrolled at Rend Lake College. Complete application should be submitted to Nathan Brouwer in the North Oasis, Office 151 OR via U.S. mail at Rend Lake College, c/o Nathan Brouwer, 468 N. Ken Gray Parkway, Ina, IL 62846. The deadline for fall applications is April 15 and the spring is November 15.

The process will be as follows:

1. Applicants (students) should complete both parts of the application (application and essay) and **submit them no later than April 15 to be considered for the fall semester and no later than November 15 to be considered for the spring semester.**
2. The Applicant (Student) should submit the completed application, one letter of recommendation (as described above), and the completed essay (following the guidelines below) in typed format.
3. When a student applies they need to immediately (if they have not already) fill out a FAFSA.  This can be done at FAFSA.gov. The Financial Aid Office at Rend Lake College is also happy to help students completing the FAFSA.
4. Students will be notified by April 30 (Fall) or December 1 (Spring) if they have been selected to receive the award.
5. Recipients of the award will receive $1560 that can be applied to their Rend Lake College student account.

Award Rules/Requirements:

* Valid for ONE (1) semester, can apply for a second semester.
* Must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and be degree seeking in the program (History).
* Must maintain a 2.5 GPA (term and cumulative).
* In the event any of these requirements are not met the award will be revoked.

**In order to be considered for the award, you must answer the following questions in an *essay* that is 750 words or less. The answers to this questions must be answered as an essay, not individually, to be included in the process.**

**Why do you think that the study of history is important?**

**Why do you want to study history?**

**What single historical figure most inspires you to succeed? Why?**