

# How Sharp Are You?

## The Sharps Compliance, Inc. Fall 2021 Scholarship Essay Contest

### Fall 2021 Scholarship Details

Accepting essays beginning: April 12, 2021

Entry deadline: May 31, 2021

Winners will be announced: June 22, 2021

First Prize: \$1,500

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$750

### Eligibility

To be eligible to win Sharps' scholarship, you must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen and have been accepted to or be currently enrolled full-time as an **undergraduate** in an accredited university for the Fall 2021 semester in healthcare-related studies. **Proof of enrollment for the Fall semester is required.**

### Topic: COVID's Impact on the Long-Term Care Industry

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted nursing homes and other long-term care facilities due to high mortality rates among their residents, staffing shortages, and infection control issues. Proper segregation of pharmaceutical and regulated medical wastes within these settings is highly regulated but difficult to execute during a pandemic when staff is directing their attention elsewhere. Explore current recommendations and requirements for regulated waste management in the long-term care industry and how facilities can create consistent, simple, and compliant waste segregation methods.

### Rules and Regulations

- There is no entry fee or cost to the writer. No funds will be solicited by Sharps Compliance, Inc. now or at any time in the future with regard to this scholarship.
- The scholarship is not open to persons, or relatives, previously or currently affiliated with Sharps Compliance, Inc., in any capacity.
- All essays submitted become property of Sharps Compliance, Inc.
- Submissions must be 1,250 to 1,500 words.
- Essays are to be submitted with a signed copy of this form.
  
- You may submit your essay via email to [scholarship@sharpsinc.com](mailto:scholarship@sharpsinc.com) or by mail to:  
Attn: Michele Guzman  
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- Cash prizes will be made payable to individual first, second, and third place winners.
- Sharps Compliance, Inc. reserves the right to pay cash prizes directly to the winner's university.
- The essays will be judged by a panel of individuals selected by Sharps Compliance, Inc. whose decisions are final. No discussions or rationale for their decision will be given.
- Please include contact information, as winners will be contacted via phone or email.
- All sources must be cited properly in order to be eligible to win.

**Direct any questions you may have to [scholarship@sharpsinc.com](mailto:scholarship@sharpsinc.com).**

**Eligibility**

In order to be selected as a winner, please fill out the information below, and attach a copy to your final submission.

**All applications received without this form and proof of enrollment will be automatically disqualified.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University Registrar's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University Registrar's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If selected as a winner, scholarship check will be mailed to the university.**

**Check should be made payable to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address where check should be mailed to:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attention:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing this form, you agree to all of Sharps' rules, regulations and eligibility requirements. Sharps Compliance has the right to publish the winning essay on its website.