Across Long Island, ERASE Racism has posed the question: How do we build a just Long Island? We have heard from educators and community advocates. Now we want to hear from students!

Based on your own experiences and/or advocacy efforts, what can you do to build a racially just, more equitable Long Island for your generation and future generations?

Choose a recent event that inspires you to raise your voice or take action for racial equity.

—or—

Choose a personal experience which inspires you to raise your voice or take action for racial equity.

Due Date: Friday May 15, 2020

Each of the 4 student winners will receive a $500 scholarship!

Eligibility and Submission Requirements

The contest is for public school high school seniors, with plans to attend a four year college, two year college, or an accredited vocational program. Students must provide proof of acceptance to a college or program no later than May 31st to participate in the contest. Students will receive scholarship award funds upon presentation of official verification form/letter as proof of enrollment to the college/program of their choice.

Please respond with an essay that is a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 500 words. Essays must be in Word format and emailed to scholarships@eraseracismny.org with the subject heading "Raise Your Voice Scholarship Submission."

We thank SCOPE for their generous sponsorship of our essay contest.