**The Prize, in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, will be awarded annually to one member of that year’s Anclote High School graduating class. Unlike scholarships, which usually limit the use of funds to tuition, room, and books, the Prize is much less restrictive. Money may be used for tuition, room, board, books, art supplies, a computer, software programs, tools, lessons, assistance**

**with technical and apprenticeship programs, and other reasonable uses as well.**

**To apply for the Prize, you will need four qualifications:**

**1. You must be a senior.**

**2. You must be graduating with your class.**

**3. You must have a weighted GPA of at least 2.50.**

**4. Your primary interest, for which you seek the support of the Prize, must be among the following: architecture; art (including painting, sculpture, drawing, mixed media, engraving, etching, printmaking, graphics, illuminated manuscripts, and art history); artificial intelligence; classics; coding and software development; computer science; East Asian civilizations; engineering; foreign languages; forestry; geography; history; industrial design; land management; landscape design; literature; masonry, carpentry, ironwork, or other construction arts; mathematics; practical arts such as plumbing, woodworking, and electricity; religious studies; robotics; science; semiotics; teaching; writing fiction or poetry.**

**The application: Applications are now available from Mr. Anderson in Room 3-166. Your application for the 2015 Prize must be submitted to Mr. Anderson by March 11, 2015. You are encouraged to submit additional materials with your application in support of your answers. For example, depending upon your primary interest, you might submit poems, stories, designs, tests, recreational math problems with your solutions, essays, sketches, photographs of artwork or of things you have made or built--the choices are limited only by the scope of your imagination. These materials should be placed in a secure packet labeled with your full name, followed by “For the E-B Prize.” Unfortunately, the Prize cannot guarantee return of what you submit, so be sure to retain your originals.**

**The interview: A small number of applicants will be chosen as finalists. Each finalist will be interviewed for no more than 30 minutes by a three-person panel consisting of the Administrator of the Prize, Anclote High School Career Specialist Glenn Anderson, and a teacher at Anclote High School.**

**The winner of the Prize will be announced at the annual Anclote High School awards banquet in May 2015. At that time the winner will make arrangements with the Administrator of the Prize for a meeting to discuss how Prize money will be disbursed.**

**Honesty and integrity count. If it is found that you have lied or have represented the words or work of others as your own, your application will be rejected.**

**The Erdos-Beckett Prize does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, country of origin, country of citizenship, sex, gender identity, religion, creed, disability, or sexual orientation.**

**THE** **ERDOS-BECKETT PRIZE**

**APPLICATION**

**Please print your answers to these questions:**

**Name:**

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**Last Name First Name Middle Initial**

**Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of People in Your Household\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Permanent Address:**

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**City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Full Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**A. Your answers to the following questions must be handwritten. Typewritten answers will not be accepted. Make sure that your writing is legible.**

**B. Sufficient space to write your answer has been provided on this application so there**

**should be no need for you to attach additional pages.**

**C. Be sure to adhere to the limits set by a question. If you are to answer in no more than six sentences, do not write seven sentences.**

**D. Remember that the phrase “In no more than x sentences” means that there is a limit, not that you must write as many sentences as permitted. If you think you have written an excellent answer using fewer sentences, submit that answer.**

**E. Yes, spelling does count. Poor spelling on an application is a sure sign of your laziness or indifference or lack of respect for the reader. Any one of these faults is sufficient to significantly decrease the likelihood of your application being taken seriously.**

**1. In no more than six sentences, describe the primary interest for which you seek the Prize and the evidence, including but not limited to coursework, for your claim that it is your primary interest. (You are encouraged to attach materials-- poems, stories, designs, tests, essays, sketches, photographs or other reproductions of artwork or of things you have made or built-- to your application in support of your answer.)**

**2. What do you intend to do with the money if you win the Prize?**

**3. Who is the most interesting living person? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**4. Have you ever received an award or prize unrelated to sports? If so, which one(s)?**

**5. Do you enjoy riddles?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Puns?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Recreational math problems?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chess problems?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Making or building things?\_\_\_\_\_\_ Carrying a sketchbook with**

**you to draw what you encounter?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Devising codes?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Memorizing**

**poems?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cryptanalysis?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The music of J. S. Bach?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Board**

**games involving strategy?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Silence?\_\_\_\_\_(Check all that apply to you.)**

**6. Looking back on your high school career, what do you think was the best decision you made? What was the worst decision? (Write no more than a *total* of six sentences when answering these two questions.)**

**7. Have you ever been arrested?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If your answer is “Yes,” briefly explain the circumstances and the outcome.**

**8. Have you ever been suspended by or expelled from a school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you ever received a reprimand from your school for disciplinary reasons or**

**has your school ever referred you to a person or agency because of disciplinary**

**problems?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If your answer to either or both of these questions is “Yes,” you may comment or explain, but limit your comments or explanation to no more than five sentences.**

**9a. Name one--and only one--of the following: (1) Your favorite book; (2) the best or most interesting structure or work of art you have ever seen, either in person or in a reproduction; (3) the most interesting question you have ever been asked; (4) the word, expression, quotation, or piece of conventional wisdom you wish would disappear, never to return.**

**9b. In no more than four sentences, explain or justify your answer to Question 9a.**

**10. Have you submitted additional materials with your application in support of your answer**

**to Question 1?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**By signing your name below, you attest to the following: (1) That you have carefully reviewed the questions on this application and your answers to those questions; (2) That your answers are truthful and are your own work and are not borrowed from or written by anyone else; and (3) That the additional materials you have attached to this application are your work and only your own work.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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