



The Cum Laude Society Paper - 2017

A Representation and Celebration of Outstanding Scholarship in Cum Laude Society schools

To: Cum Laude Chapter Secretaries February, 2017

From: The Cum Laude Society – Bradley E. Lyman, Registrar General

Paper to be Submitted Each of the over 380 Cum Laude Schools is invited to send a copy of a single outstanding example of original work, either creative or research based, to be considered for recognition as **The Cum Laude Paper – 2017**. The purpose is to recognize and celebrate outstanding academic achievement by submitting a paper or other class assignment that gives evidence of superior scholarship and original thought. The document submitted is to have been written for any course at the Cum Laude member school during the 2016-2017 school year, and cannot be re-written for this activity. It may be of any length. The school submitting will be asked to verify that all of these conditions have been met, by completing a provided cover sheet (below) to submit with the application.

Judging at the local level will be by your local Cum Laude Chapter – using any format or process you choose. Judging at the district and national level will be by the Cum Laude Regents and Officers in a ‘double-blind’ process (identification is removed from entries, and Regents will adjudicate papers from schools not in their geographic area).

Questions – Rules Interpretation The Registrar General, with the advice and consent of the national Regents at Large/President General, will answer procedural questions and be the sole arbiter of decisions/procedures.

Awards The national judging panel may award a \$500 grant to the author of one outstanding paper in each of the eight Cum Laude districts, and the author of the paper selected as **The Cum Laude Paper – 2017** will receive an additional \$4500 national award (\$5000 total).

Deadlines: Entries must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2017 – Each local Cum Laude chapter may submit one paper to the national Cum Laude office. **Late entries cannot be accepted.**

November 17, 2017 - (Annual Cum Laude meeting in Boston) – Final selection made.

February 2018 – National winner notified, and awards distributed.

Entry Process: Submit two copies of the paper: **#1 - an original** with the author’s name (might also have teacher markings). **#2 is a ‘judge’s copy’ (one-sided printing) with name and all identification/markings removed. Failure to submit both copies will disqualify the entry.**

-----**Detach and return with your school’s selection** -----

School Name and Address _____

(Please print)

City – State - Zip

Author’s name _____ Class of ’17 ’18 (Circle one)

(Please print)

Briefly describe the assignment that led to the writing of this paper: _____

“I certify that this paper was written for a course at our school, was not re-written, and was selected by our Cum Laude Chapter as our sole representative for this award.” _____ / _____

Date Signature of Chapter Secretary

Send the two required copies to:
The Cum Laude Society – Postmark by August 1, 2017
attn: **Robbie McConnell, 4100 Springdale Road, Louisville, KY 40241**
Phone: 502-216-3814
email: cumlaude@kcd.org