INDIANA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC

In conjunction with

THE CONNI RICHARDS YOUTH FUND

PRESENTS THE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR INDIANA 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Essay Title: "What are the keys to unlock my future?"

Who: Indiana 8th Grade Students
When: Program begins October 1, 2026 thru December 1, 2026.
Completed essays and Entry Forms must be postmarked by December 1, 2026.
What: Each participant is asked to submit an essay, which must be an original composition relating directly to the topic, **"What are the keys to unlock my future?"**

- May be typed (double spaced) or legibly hand-written; one side of paper only
- May be stapled once but no folders or paper clips
- Writer's name may not appear in the body of the essay
- No fewer than 300 words or more than 450 words
- This form must accompany the essay with the appropriate signatures

How: Mail essay and completed form, **postmarked by December 1, 2026**. To:
Essay Contest, Indiana Women's Education Foundation, PO Box 134, Knightstown, IN 46148

Name _____ County: _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____E-mail_____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____Phone_____

School Name & Address _____

Teacher's Name/Dept. _____ Phone _____

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Participation** upon receipt of an essay. One essay will be chosen from each of INFBPW's 3 districts. Each of the winners and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher will be invited to attend and present his/her essay at the District's Spring Meeting which is usually in March. These same winners will be invited to attend the luncheon in April 2027.

- Each District winner will receive a Certificate and a $50 Cash Award.
- The 1st place State Winner will be announced at the State Convention. The State Winner will read their essay and receive an engraved plaque and a $100 Cash award.

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I authorize INFBPW/IWEF to post any pictures taken at conference/convention to our website and all Social Media Platforms to promote the organizations.

Signature grants permission for the District winners' names, hometowns, and essays to be posted on the Indiana Women's Education Foundation website: www.inwomeneducation.org

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Student's Signature Parent/Guardian's Signature Rev. 9/2026