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*40 brand-new laptops will be given away to winners in grades 9-12*

**San Diego** – The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling and the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) are proud to announce the 20th Annual 2022 Laptop Scholarship Essay Contest for high school students across San Diego County. The top 40 best-scored essays from high school students will take home a brand-new laptop. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to submit an essay and application starting October 25 through November 25.

“To date, over 700 students have received brand new laptops thanks to our partnership with Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling and the San Diego County Office of Education,” said MTS Chief Executive Officer Sharon Cooney. “This program is a way of giving back to the community by helping students have the tools necessary to be successful in their academic work. Every year we choose our essay prompt to be relevant to our current and future projects. This year, the Youth Opportunity Pass went into effect, and we want to hear from students what they think about the program so far.”

The Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP) pilot program went into effect on May 1, providing all youth 18 and under free transit access across the San Diego region. The pilot is set to end on September 30, 2023. For this essay contest, students will write a persuasive essay on the value of the pilot program, and why it should or should not continue.

To be eligible to win, students must send an application form along with a 750 to 1,000-word essay. All entries are due by Friday, November 25, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PST. Students must be attending school in San Diego County and follow all instructions on the application form. Entries can be emailed to [scholarship@sdmts.com](mailto:scholarship@sdmts.com) or mailed/delivered to MTS, Attn: Laptop Scholarship, 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 900, San Diego CA 92101. For the full essay prompt, rules and guidelines, please visit the contest's [webpage](#).

**About MTS**

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) operates more than 100 bus routes and three Trolley lines in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of San Diego. MTS is a leader in advancing initiatives to create a greener, cleaner and better-connected transit system in San Diego. Each weekday nearly 200,000 passenger trips are taken throughout the MTS system taking people to work, school, health appointments and other essential trips. In FY 2022, MTS served more than 57 million riders. For service schedule updates, news, alerts and more information on how you can use public transportation, go to [www.sdmts.com](http://www.sdmts.com).

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