

**Midland Young Leaders Challenge
with General Tommy Franks
Essay Competition**

The Challenge

Leadership in today's world: "What are you going to do about it?"

Every morning we wake up into three worlds simultaneously; the world we want to live in, the world we actually live in, and the world we are going to create. It is easy to get caught up in the world we want to live in and just dreaming. It is just as easy to get caught up in the world we actually live in and feeling insignificant. However, true leadership is found spending most of our time each day in the world we are going to create.

Each day we need to spend some time in each world. The world we want to live in is where dreams come from. The world we actually live in is what keeps us grounded. The world we are going to create is where we act to make a difference.

How do you navigate this landscape to be a leader? What actions would change the world you live in? And what are you going to do about it?

Eligibility

High School Juniors living in Midland County for the 2019-2020 school year.

Length

- 2,250 words maximum (excludes footnotes/endnotes/sources).

Due Date: May 15, 2020

Prior Publication

Essays must be original, not been previously published (online or in print) or being considered for publication elsewhere.

Awards

First Prize: \$1000 scholarship. Second Prize: \$500 scholarship.

Submission Guidelines

- Save final file as a Word Document or PDF
- Email to: admin@tommyfranksmuseum.org
- Include word count on title page of essay.
- Provide additional page to include biography and complete contact information (does not count in word count) -- i.e., work, home, and cell phone numbers; and home mailing address.

Questions?

Email questions to admin@tommyfranksmuseum.org

Selection Process

The *Midland Young Leaders Challenge with General Tommy Franks* team members will evaluate every essay and screen the top essays to a special Essay Selection Committee.

Announcement of the Winners

Winners will be announced in the June 1, 2020 *via email to winners, social media posts and press release to public.*