

## **Your Student Could Win up to \$1,000 in 'Transit Adventures' Essay Contest**

(April 5) Your youngster could win \$400, \$600 or even \$1,000 – plus an equal amount for his or her teacher's classroom use – in an essay contest sponsored by the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles.

The Foundation is sponsoring the "Adventures in Public Transit" essay contest to increase student awareness of the county's transportation systems and of the transit organizations that operate them.

The essay contest is open to all middle school and high school students. Students are required to ride buses or trains and then describe their adventures in a 500-word essay. The Foundation will award first, second and third prizes for both middle school and high school entries. The contest deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2001.

"The message we want to bring home to youth is that there are tremendous opportunities in the industry," says William J. Hoston, Foundation president, "and the higher their skill level, the higher their salary will be."

### **Pick a 'transit adventure'**

Students may pick their own adventure destinations or can choose from one of 39 "transit adventures" listed on the Foundation's Internet web site at [www.tfla.org](http://www.tfla.org). The web site also includes the contest rules, the rules for the 500-word essay and the entry form.

Prizes of entertainment tickets, gift certificates and other items will be awarded for essays judged to be the most creative, most innovative and most promising. Every entry form will be entered in a raffle to win a computer, bicycle or other prizes.

The essay contest prizes will be awarded at a Job Fair and Career Day sponsored by the Foundation in May at the Staples Center. Representatives from government and transportation agencies, as well as private companies, will host booths for youngsters interested in summer jobs.

For further information about the essay contest, Job Fair and Career Day, contact the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles at 213-244 -1431 or log onto the Foundation's web site at [www.tfla.org](http://www.tfla.org).

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