



## **To Apply for the Corio Aspiring Innovators Program, a student must meet the following criteria:**

- You are a rising **6th** to 11th grade student
- Can demonstrate financial need
- Be a motivated student, with the intention of attending college

### **Steps to follow:**

- Complete the Menaul School admission process, the FACTS Grant and Aid application for **2023-24**, and submit the Ron Corio Aspiring Innovators essay application by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Application deadline:**

Your Corio Aspiring Innovators (CAI) application will only be considered once the admission and financial need application processes are complete. **However, you may submit your CAI application at any point between February 1st and May 1st, 2022.** Applications received outside of that time frame will not be considered.

### **How to submit:**

**Submit your essays any time between February 1st and May 1st**, by emailing to: [hcothran@menaulschool.org](mailto:hcothran@menaulschool.org) with the subject line: *Ron Corio Aspiring Innovators Application*.

### **Format and Length:**

Please type your responses to the two essay topics, in a single-spaced word document using 12-point Times New Roman font.

Please write the following as the heading on your first page of essays:

*Ron Corio Aspiring Innovators Application*

Type your full name, address, and date at the top of the page, before you begin the essays. Feel free to create a title for each essay.

We expect each essay to be between 500-800 words. More is not always better, but less may not be enough to fully address your topic!

### **Topics:**

Please Respond to Both Prompts

## **Essay 1**

Introduce yourself and tell us what we should know about you.

**Examples of what you might choose to focus on could include one of the following:**

1. An experience from childhood that shaped who you are
2. The story of your journey as a student over the years
3. A significant challenge or challenges you have overcome (or are working on)
4. A personal goal you have, and how this goal came about from your life experiences

Please choose one of the options above or one of your own creation; do not try to cover the entire list of suggestions. Write as if you are speaking directly to one person. This is a narrative essay.

## **Essay 2**

Write about an invention that you believe has had a significant impact on people's lives. Feel free to reach as far back in time as you like to find an invention to write about.

In your essay, make sure to include the following:

1. What is the invention?
2. What problems does the invention solve? Why does this matter?
3. What importance does this invention have in your life?
4. Optional: how would you improve this invention?

**This essay is about your ideas and how you think. This is an expository essay. Introduce yourself and tell us what we should know about you.**